

# 2017

The Year Of

# *Great Victory*



Devotional Guide  
21 Days of Consecration

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## **VCMCI Family Devotional Guide Instructions**

Our church is beginning a journey and we are asking for every family to go on the journey with us. It's a journey of faith and our destination is total dependence on God in every area of our lives. We have made this our goal because we want God to be glorified in all that we do. We want the world to see in us an accurate reflection of who God is. As Jesus is, so are we, in this world (1 John 4:17).

This Journey will provide an opportunity for your family to learn more of what it means to live by faith and to depend on God for everything in life. These devotionals are designed to help us focus on three things in which we must be actively involved if we are going to reach our destination together: *God Is Our Source, It Is God's Will That We Prosper, and We Are Blessed To Be A Blessing.*

Each of the 21 daily devotionals are divided into 5 parts:

### **The Scripture(s)**

If you have children in your home, it is a good idea to let them take turns reading the verse or verses for the day. It is important that children be participants and not just spectators in the things of the Lord.

### **The Discussion**

This section provides a brief background of the text. The goal here is to discuss the text, in context, with your family.

### **The Application**

Each devotional will provide several application points. As you read each, ask your family how they think this truth can be applied to their lives.

### **The Declaration of Faith**

We believe God has placed the power of death and life in the tongue (Proverbs 18:21). So each devotional contains a declaration of faith designed to go along with the lesson. Declare the words either with your family (in unison), or have them repeat after you. As you speak the words of faith, do so from a believing heart, thereby activating your faith in what you just studied.

### **The Closing Prayer**

End each session with a simple prayer, asking God to help each family member receive and apply the truth they have learned that day. Use this time for prayer requests and include prayer for our Apostles and the Pastors of our VCMCI locations.

Choose a time of day when your whole family can gather together with the least number of distractions and interruptions. Make this an interesting and fun time for your family. If possible, invite your neighbors or other families from VCMCI. This is a time of fasting, prayer and consecration for us. In order to ***Build a Better Community*** we must build our families first.

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### *Social Media*

As your family comes together each day to study, discuss and meditate the devotionals, please do so with an expectation to hear from God. As God speaks to you, please share what God is saying with your VCMi family via social media

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On the left is a list of Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts for each of our five locations. Each day our locations will share information on social media. Please interact with the churches and with one another.

The goal is to ***Build a Better Community***. We will do this both in our local communities and online communities. This year will be a year like no other.

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As you share your thoughts and the insight God reveals to you, please use the following hashtags, as appropriate:

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**Day 1 (January 2<sup>nd</sup>)**

***Entering Into God's Rest***

**The Scripture(s):**

**And we still have the promise that God gave those people. That promise is that we can enter his place of rest. So we should be very careful that none of you fails to get that promise. Yes, the good news about it was told to us just as it was to them. But the message they heard did not help them. They heard it but did not accept it with faith. Only we who believe it are able to enter God's place of rest...**

(Hebrews 4:1-3 ERV)

**The Discussion:**

In the third chapter of this letter to the Hebrews the writer quotes the 95<sup>th</sup> Psalm at length and explains how many Israelites died in the desert because of their **unbelief**. The writer then compares the unbelief of the Israelites in chapter 3 with the faith of believers in chapter 4. The offer to enter into God's rest still stands. Like the Israelites, our blessing has already been prepared. God's work is finished. He has done what He has done by grace. Our part is to believe it and receive it by faith.

The Bible warns us when it says, "**Only we who believe it are able to enter God's place of rest.**" We must believe in order to enter God's place of rest. In 2016 we learned to RESET, REBOOT and RENEW ourselves in Christ. In 2017 we will experience **SUPERNATURAL VICTORY**, but it won't be because we are so good, or because we perform so well. No, it will be because we have been reset, rebooted and renewed to the point where our total confidence is in God and His performance in our lives.

**The Application:**

1. We are called and commanded to live by faith. True faith has a rest component to it. When you are in-faith you are also in-rest, knowing God did whatever He promised by His grace, from the foundations of the world, and the manifestation of His promise in the earth is merely a matter of time.
2. Receiving God's peace is great, but entering into God's rest takes you to another level. When you enter into God's rest concerning something, **then that's it!** As far as you are concerned, it's a done deal - no matter how long it actually takes to manifest here in the earth.
3. Sometimes your victory does not require more trying, but rather more dying. The more you die to self and the more you rely on God, the easier it will be for you to enter into God's rest.
4. Once you enter into God's rest the pressure of the situation has no power over you.
5. Once you enter into God's rest you feel no pressure to "perform" to earn it or deserve it. You simply believe for it.

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, I thank You for Your Word. Your Word is the foundation for my life. You made plans for me by Your unearned grace and You have called me to live by faith in order to access, experience and enjoy those plans. As I read and meditate this passage, I declare by faith that it gets down in my spirit. Your rest is possible for me and from this day forward it shall become a reality in my life. I believe You will do all You planned to do in my life. Every promise shall be fulfilled. As I enter into 2017, I declare that it is a Year of Great Victory for me and my household. I rest in Your divine victory and I declare that stress, fear, worry, doubt and unbelief have no power over me. I enter into Your rest, I rely on Your grace, and I enjoy a stress-free life. I declare this by faith. In Jesus' name, Amen!

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, help us to rely on Your power, to believe in Your name, to trust in Your promises, and to stand on Your Word. As you teach us to enter into Your rest, may You also teach us to put our total trust and confidence in You, to release any pressure to perform, and to live stress-free. You have already placed your love in our hearts through Your Spirit. Now Father, we ask You to fill our hearts with Your peace as we endeavor to experience a Year of Great Victory. We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen!

**Day 2 (January 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

***Resting In God's Provision***

**The Scripture(s):**

**God rested after he finished his work. So everyone who enters God's place of rest will also have rest from their own work just as God did. So let us try as hard as we can to enter God's place of rest. We must try hard so that none of us will be lost by following the example of those who refused to obey God.**

(Hebrews 4:10, 11 ERV)

**The Discussion:**

In Deuteronomy 1:8 the Lord said to Moses, "**See, I have given you this land.**" The Lord had already promised Canaan to Abraham 440 years before He made this statement to Moses. The Lord even forewarned Moses that the land was inhabited during his '*burning bush*' experience in Exodus 3. So it's a shame that 10 of the 12 spies lacked the ability to believe and receive what God had already provided. When the Lord said, "**See, I have given you this land.**" He spoke in past tense. The land was already theirs. As far as God was concerned He had already given it to them. But because of their unbelief they put a "**No**" where God had already put a "**Yes**".

The writer of Hebrews explains it very plainly. He said the nation of Israel had the Gospel preached to them. The Gospel, or good news, in this case was that the land was theirs. These people had been slaves all their lives. They had never owned property. But when the Lord delivered them from Egypt, He made sure they did not come out empty handed. The Lord had the Egyptians to give the newly freed Israelites gold, silver and clothes. They were born slaves, but they walked Egypt free and rich. And now the Lord was GIVING THEM Canaan. This was land promised to their forefathers to give them. However, millions of Israelites missed out on the promise because they failed to believe what God already believed about them.

**The Application:**

1. The Father rested when He was done with creation. Jesus rested when He was done with salvation. God now gives you the opportunity to rest in what He has already done for you. Rest in the finished work of the Father in creation -- you were created in His image and likeness. Rest in the finished work of Jesus the Christ on the cross -- you are saved from the power and penalty of sin. Rest in the grace God has given for your divine assignment -- **you are here for a reason and everything you need to accomplish your assignment has already been prepared for you.**

2. If you can't SEE (by faith) what God has already stored up for you (by grace), you run the risk of missing out on God's best.

3. Without faith you won't have the ability to SEE what God wants to do in your life, and if you can't SEE IT, you will never BE IT or HAVE IT!

4. The Israelites did nothing for the gold, silver or clothes they walked out of Egypt with. God just moved on the hearts of the Egyptians to GIVE it to them. God was also willing to simply GIVE millions of acres of land to people who had been slaves all their lives. This was land the Lord had already planned to give them. They did not have to work for it, but they did have to believe for it. Likewise, God's provision for your life is already planned. Everything you need to maximize your purpose and potential has already been stored up. But you will need faith to believe and receive what grace has already provided.

**5. God only casts vision where the provision has already been prepared.**

a) If God tells you to do something it is because He has already made provisions for its success.

b) The fact that God is telling you to do it is evidence (in and of itself) that His provision has already been made.

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, I thank You for teaching me about Your divine provision. Since You give me vision, I know the provision has already been made. If it's Your will, I know it is also Your bill. You are not *going* to prepare me. You are not *going* to bless me. You already have. It's already done. You have already equipped me for everything You expect of me. Your grace is already there. So now I declare that my faith will be there too! My faith taps into Your grace as I learn to REST In Your Finished Work! You have already provided and this year, 2017, I declare that Your provision shall be manifested in my life! I declare this by faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, as You lead us in 2017, help us to remember that You have already provided everything we will ever need to experience divine success. We thank You for having provided us the faith of Jesus. You prepared all we would need by grace and you then gave us the faith to access what You have already provided. So Father we live by faith, that it may be by grace that we experience Your best. Help us to make this year the best year of our lives. We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen!



**Day 3 (January 4<sup>th</sup>)**

***Your Life Is All About Him!***

**The Scripture(s):**

**God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us new people so that we would spend our lives doing the good things he had already planned for us to do.**

(Eph 2:10 ERV).

Jesus said, “**Any of you who want to be my follower must stop thinking about yourself and what you want. You must be willing to carry the cross that is given to you for following me. Any of you who try to save the life you have will lose it. But you who give up your life for me and for the Good News will save it.**”

(Mark 8:34,35 ERV).

**The Discussion:**

When Jesus was speaking to a crowd of His followers He already knew what Paul would later write in Ephesians 2:10. Jesus knew that He and the Father already had plans for each and every person He was looking at. Which is why Jesus could confidently look out at a crowd and say, “**Any of you who want to be my follower must stop thinking about yourself and what you want.**” Jesus knew His plans for their lives were much greater than anything they could come up with on their own. He knew the people He was looking at were already destined. They were already called to greatness. Their path to victory was already mapped out. But Jesus also knew that in order for them to RECEIVE the victory God had already prepared they were going to have to DIE. They had to die to self and selfishness. They had to give their lives as a sacrifice in order to receive true life - the life God planned for them to live. Guess what? What was true that day, while Jesus was speaking to the crowd, is true this day as you read this devotional.

**The Application:**

1. God has never required any less than **ALL** of you! He wants you to die, so He is free to live in, with and through you.
2. Long before you were born God planned your final outcome and the path to it. But in order to experience the life God planned you must first have a relationship with the planner and you must then be willing to die to the plans you came up with without Him.
3. God is not looking for you to work for or earn His plan. His plan for your life is already mapped out. He called you by grace, not by merit. God is simply looking for you to believe His goodness, receive what He wants to do in your life by faith, and then DIE to self so you don't mess it up!

4. Religion puts the spotlight on man and it requires things of man, as if man were working hard to earn God's approval. This is why God hates religion. God does not want you to spend the rest of your life working for His approval. Jesus already earned your approval. Once you are in Christ and Christ is in you, you are already approved.

5. God wants you to get to the point where you realize your life is SO MUCH about Jesus and NOT about you, that you finally REST in His finished work.

a) God does not want you working hard to attain anything in Him. Jesus already attained it for you. God simply wants you to receive by faith what He has already provided by grace.

b) The Father does not want you working hard to become someone in Him. You are already someone in Him. He just wants you to believe what He believes about you!

c) When God looks at you He sees you the way He called you. Now He wants you to get the point where you see it too! Not based on your works, but based on Jesus' works. Not based on your goodness, but on His!

d) God does not want you entering every day attempting to work to earn His approval. The Father wants you to enter every day FROM the position of His approval. There is a big difference!

e) Stop striving to perform. God is not looking for your performance. This is why your life is not about you at all. God is looking for your death, so He is free to LIVE through you!

f) The Father does not want you to live your life striving to MAKE things happen. He wants you to simply discern what He has already done. Once you do, you then get to walk in His finished work. If you think you can MAKE it happen without God, then you have made Jesus irrelevant. He does not want to be irrelevant in your life. He actually wants to be the star. When people read the book of your life Jesus wants to be the star on every page! So as you enter this day, do so determined to MAKE GOD FAMOUS! If you do, He will make your name great!

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, I declare that my life is no longer about me or my selfish desires. My life is all about You and Your desires for me. I am not working FOR grace. I am working BY grace. I am not striving FOR Your approval. I enter every day knowing I am approved. I am Your child. I am called for such a time as this. This is my season. This is my time. I am no longer the star of my life's story. And since I glorify THEE Father, You can now glorify ME! I am committed to making You famous, and because I am, You are committed to making my name great! I declare this by faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, we ask You to help us release the pressure to perform, to die to self, and to give ourselves completely over to You. We want You to live IN us and THROUGH us. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in your sight daily, Father. May the world see Jesus in us everyday, in every way. We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen!

**Day 4 (January 5<sup>th</sup>)**

***Soul Prosperity***

**The Scripture(s):**

**(3 John 2, AMP) “Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in every way and [that your body] may keep well, even as [I know] your soul keeps well and prospers.”**

**The Discussion:**

In this scripture the Apostle John is praying for his friend Gaius. John spent years with Jesus while He was in the earth and He spent countless time with the Father after Jesus’ departure. John had the heart of God. He knew what to pray and he prayed that God would prosper and bring divine health to Gaius. However, interestingly enough, John connected what God would do in Gaius’ life, wealth and health wise, to Gaius’ soul. John said that Gaius would **prosper** and be in good physical health **to the same degree** as his **soul** was prospering. The key is the connection between his soul prosperity and his total life prosperity.

Pastor Bill Winston said, *“Inside every one of us is an image I call an “invisible fence,” which dictates how far we can go and what we see ourselves doing and being. It is an invisible wall between you and God, **holding you back**, and keeping you from stepping out and doing what **seems impossible**. If you attempt to go outside this fence, your subconscious mind brings you back.”*

Your soul can be likened to the **autopilot** feature of an airplane. Just like the autopilot is programmed to keep a plane on course and at altitude, your soul is designed to keep you on course at the level of your self-image. Said another way, you will never **routinely** go beyond your level of thinking. You may get pushed -- by God or someone else -- to venture out beyond your **“invisible fence”** from time to time, but your **“autopilot”** will bring you right back before long. Therefore, in order to maximize your divine purpose and potential in life, you have to be programmed to think like God. You must SEE yourself the way God sees you. This is why you must develop a prosperous soul.

**The Application:**

1. You will never experience Godly prosperity, which is not just limited to finances, until you become prosperous in your soul.
2. Right thinking produces right living. Divine success begins on the inside. The measure of success you experience in life will come as a result of the measure of divine success within your soul.
3. The prosperous soul believes God’s limitless dreams and relies on God’s limitless power. It is God’s ability to accomplish the seemingly impossible that will propel you beyond your natural strength. Human ability is limited at its best. You cannot accomplish God’s will for your life based solely upon your own power.

4. You should **not** have a limited view of success (or prosperity). Ultimate success in the kingdom of God covers everything you will ever need to accomplish God's best for your life.
  
5. Don't fool yourself into thinking you are succeeding on your own. Many times believers get confused, thinking they are accomplishing things without the grace of God. Grace can be described as God adding His super to your natural, causing the supernatural to occur in your life. James said, "**Every good and perfect gift comes from above**" (James 1:17). Acknowledge God's blessing and thank God for His grace.
  
6. The prosperous soul loves God, not money. If you give God first-place in your life, He will see to it that you receive all the resources you need to accomplish His will in the earth. But it is dangerous for a Christian to put material prosperity ahead of his or her spiritual maturity. Paul warned, "**But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows**" (1 Tim 6:9,10 NLT).
  
7. God wants you to succeed (prosper) in life. You were not born to fail. God wants you to trust in His love, to accept His plan for your life, to pursue it by faith, and to rely on His strength (grace).

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, I know it is Your will that I prosper. I was not born to fail. I was born to succeed. However, my success can only be found in Your divine purpose for my life. I make a concerted effort to submit to the process of mind-renewal. It is my intention to purposely change the way I think to line up with Your thinking. I see myself the way You see me. I think of my future the way You do. I align my plans with Your purpose. I take every limit off, because You are a limitless God. Once I factor You in, I can factor out every limit, because there is nothing You cannot do. I pursue success in life by pursuing You, and the success I experience is total life prosperity. I don't pursue money or things, I pursue You, and when I do, You see to it that everything I need pursues me! I am confident that I will accomplish Your divine purpose for my life, because I am not relying on me, my ability or my strength. My confidence is in You, Your dedication to me, and Your grace. I declare this by faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, as we endeavor to prosper and to enjoy divine health, help us get to the point where our soul is prospering. Help us to see ourselves the way You see us. Speak us to concerning Your will. Give us insight, wisdom, revelation, knowledge and understanding concerning Your plans and purposes. Help us to align ourselves with Your best, so that we may experience Great Victory in 2017. We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen!

**Day 5 (January 6<sup>th</sup>)**

***A Prosperous Mindset***

**The Scripture(s):**

Paul said, “**Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.**”  
(Romans 12:2).

**The Discussion:**

God wants us to prosper. He wants us to succeed in every area of our lives. As His representatives in the earth, He wants us to extend the Kingdom culture of heaven into our family, communities, workplaces, and everywhere He sends us. But in order to do so, we must have a prosperous mindset.

When we came to God we may not have been programmed to think like Him. The day we gave our lives to Christ our spirit was saved instantly, but our mind was not changed. Our mind must be renewed through a steady diet of God’s Word.

In Jesus’ teachings He put an emphasis on the importance of our thinking. There is a link between soul prosperity and total life prosperity. Your soul contains your mind (the way you think), emotions (the way you feel) and will (the way you make decisions). You will never truly prosper in God’s sight until you prosper in your soul. As we covered yesterday, the Bible says, “**Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, even as your soul prospers**” (3 John 2). In this scripture the Apostle John prayed for a fellow believer to prosper and be in good physical health **to the same degree** as his **soul** was prospering.

**The Application:**

1. If your thinking and God’s thinking about a given topic are not in alignment, then you will never maximize that area of your life until you renew your mind.
2. You will never **routinely** go beyond your level of thinking. You may venture out from time to time, but you will eventually return to your level of thinking.
3. To maximize your divine purpose and potential in life, to become the man/woman God has called you to be, you must SEE yourself as that person first. This is why it is important to develop a prosperous soul.
4. You will never experience Godly prosperity, which is not limited to finances, until you become prosperous in your soul.
5. Right thinking produces right living. Divine success begins on the inside. The measure of success you experience in life will come as a result of the measure of divine success within your soul.

6. The prosperous soul believes in God's limitless dreams and relies on God's limitless power.
7. You should **not** have a limited view of success (or prosperity). Ultimate success in the kingdom of God covers everything you will ever need to accomplish God's best for your life.
8. The prosperous soul loves God, not money. If you give God first-place in your life, He will see to it that you receive all the resources you need to accomplish His will in the earth. But it is dangerous for a Christian to put material prosperity ahead of his or her spiritual maturity. Paul warned, "**But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows**" (1 Tim 6:9,10 NLT).
9. God wants you to succeed (prosper) in life. You were not born to fail. God wants you to trust in His love, to accept His plan for your life, to pursue it by faith, and to rely on His grace.

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, I submit myself to the process of mind renewal. I meditate and meditate on Your Word day and night. As I do, I get to the point where I see myself the way You see me. I think of my future the way You do. I know Your success for my life is already mapped out by grace. I now pursue it by faith. I don't have fear in running out. I have faith in running over. I declare that all my needs are met and You prosper me in abundance, so I am in position TO BE a blessing to others. As my soul prospers, I prosper, today and every day. I declare this by faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, help us to see ourselves the way You do. Help us to renew our minds to align with Your Word, will and ways. Our Spirit *was* changed the moment we acknowledged Your Son Jesus as Lord. Our soul is now *being* changed as we endeavor to live by faith. We ask You to reveal Your best to us. To show us Your image of divine success, so we can become what we behold. We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen!

**Day 6 (January 7<sup>th</sup>)**

***Falling In Love With The Future God Already Prepared***

**The Scripture(s):**

**“That which is has already been, and that which will be has already been, for God seeks what has passed by [so that history repeats itself].”  
(Ecclesiastes 3:15 AMP)**

**The Discussion:**

You are not a mistake. You were born *when* you were born and *where* you were born, because of *why* you were born. God’s plans for your life were finished before you ever took one breath. His plans were complete before you ever lived one day. Therefore, as believers we must learn to rest in God’s finished work.

In Ecclesiastes 3:15 the Lord, through Solomon, teaches us that everything that is (today) and everything that will be (tomorrow) has already been played out before God. He knows every decision you will make before you decide it, every action you will take before you perform it, and every word you will speak before you utter it. Based on His foreknowledge of your decisions, God already planned your life out. He has seen all your days mapped out before Him. When He looks at you today, He is looking for history -- literally His story, what He saw played out in eternity -- to repeat itself in your life, in time, in the earth today.

**The Application:**

1. Since God planned for your arrival and prepared your life’s assignment before you were born, there is a divine future seeking to become manifest in your life. The process of discerning that future and aligning your current decisions with it is called FAITH.
2. The Lord said the following through the prophet Isaiah: **“In the beginning, I told you what would happen in the end. A long time ago, I told you things that have not happened yet. When I plan something, it happens.”** (Isaiah 46:10 ERV). The truth is that our future is heaven’s past. The God who calls the end from the beginning and calls you into your future from your present.
3. God reveals things to you about your future and He wants you to find JOY in them. It is the JOY associated with what you see in your future that enables you to ‘power your way’ through the process of this present time.
4. Faith is not you moving God, faith is God moving you. Faith is what happens when what God has revealed to you about your future becomes so real to you, that you pursue it with divine confidence, even when it flies in the face of what you are seeing in the present.
5. Faith is not something you do to persuade God. Faith is what happens to you when you are so persuaded of God that you are not dissuaded by anything you see in this world.



6. Living by faith means you have fallen in love with the future God has for you and you will not stop until you experience what God has revealed. You live every day with an expectation to RECEIVE (in your hands) what God has already REVEALED (in your heart).

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, You planned an amazing life for me. You did this before I was born. You did this completely by grace. I now live by faith, daily accessing Your amazing grace. My faith receives what Your grace has provided. My faith receives what Your Spirit reveals. I have seen my future. I now enter this day fully persuaded that what You have promised, You are able also to perform, and You will do so in my life! I have fallen in love with the future You planned and I live every day in expectation of manifestation! I declare this by faith! In Jesus' name. Amen.

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, all the days of our lives were mapped out and played out before You before we ever lived one day. When You look at us today (in time), You are looking for what You saw (in eternity). You are looking for history to repeat itself in our lives. Help us Father to align with Your plans, to live out your divine purpose, and to leave a mark in this world that will not easily be erased. Not by our power, but only by Your amazing grace. We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen!

Day 7 (January 8<sup>th</sup>)

*Your Purpose Requires The Process*

**The Scripture(s):**

“We have all these great people around us as examples. Their lives tell us what faith means. So we, too, should run the race that is before us and never quit. We should remove from our lives anything that would slow us down and the sin that so often makes us fall. We must never stop looking to Jesus. He is the leader of our faith, and he is the one who makes our faith complete. He suffered death on a cross. But he accepted the shame of the cross as if it were nothing because of the joy he could see waiting for him. And now he is sitting at the right side of God’s throne. Think about Jesus. He patiently endured the angry insults that sinful people were shouting at him. Think about him so that you won’t get discouraged and stop trying.”  
(Hebrews 12:1-3 ERV)

**The Discussion:**

Yesterday we looked at Ecclesiastes 3:15 where the Lord, through Solomon, said the following: “**That which is has already been, and that which will be has already been, for God seeks what has passed by [so that history repeats itself].**”

It is true that God’s plans for your life were finished before you were born. This does not mean, however, that you can bypass the process required to get you to the point where you can walk in those plans. The process is most certainly required and the process is not always pleasant. The good news is that, 1) God has already given you the grace to face and overcome every challenge you will face on the road to your purpose, and 2) If you keep your eyes fixed and focused on your purpose, you will endure the process and come out the other side as the man/woman God called you to be.

**The Application:**

1. Jesus was able to endure what He endured because He could SEE into the future. Jesus’ knowledge of a future that was ALREADY PLANNED made the pain of the present worth it. What was true for Jesus CAN BE true for you. God will reveal things to you about your future (a future that is ALREADY PLANNED), so you can “fall in love” with His plan. If you do, you will have an inner joy that will fuel your faith as you endure and overcome every challenge on the path to arriving at God’s expected end.

2. Jesus endured the cross because of the JOY set before him. The writer of Hebrews said that He “**accepted the shame of the cross as if it were nothing because of the joy he could see waiting for him. And now he is sitting at the right side of God’s throne.**” I see two things there. First, Jesus’ ability to peer into the future gave Him the strength to endure and overcome any pain associated with the present. This same ability is made available to us through the Holy Spirit. Second, Jesus’ ability to power-through the pain of the present empowered Him to fulfill His purpose in the earth. Now Jesus is back in His proper position in heaven. Jesus is able to enjoy His proper position in heaven because He completed His assignment in the earth. Guess what? God’s desire is to be able to say the same thing

about us. One day, if we are able to 'power-through pain' like Jesus did, and we complete our divine assignment in the earth, we will enjoy our proper position in heaven.

3. The Joy associated with what God has revealed to you about your future does not exonerate you from enduring the process required to get there!
4. Purpose is not manifested outside of the process. The process is actually part of your divine purpose.
5. The process equips you to **BE** what grace has empowered you to **DO**. Without the process you will attempt to start DOING before spending time BEING/BECOMING and it will not work.
6. You must be developed to the point where your character can handle your anointing.
7. Don't despise the process. Fall in love with the JOY associated with your future, but sober about the process. Satan will attempt to do all he can to get you frustrated with the process. Why? Because satan cannot stop you! But he knows that you can stop yourself. Which is why he attempts to get you frustrated. If satan can get you frustrated to the point that you give up, cave in and quit in the process, you will never fulfill your purpose. At that point satan did not stop you, you stopped yourself.

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, I thank You for calling me to greatness, for preparing me for this season, and for processing me for my assignment. Last year I endured a time of resetting, rebooting and renewing. This year I am excited about seeing GREAT VICTORY manifested in every area of my life. I declare that I will see RECORD BREAKING BLESSINGS everywhere I look in my life, because I have been processed to the point where my character can now handle both my anointing and Your blessing. So now Father You are free to DO through me, all You desire to DO through me in this season. As I enter every meeting, conversation and activity in 2017, I declare that it is You Father, living in me, who will give me the words and perform the work for Your glory! I declare this by faith! In Jesus' name. Amen.

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, You love us with an everlasting love, You prepared for us before the world began, You called us to greatness and You are now ready to use us. We thank You for having been patient with us as we endured the process required to BECOME before we could DO. You still have some processing to do in us and we ask for continued patience as we incrementally become the men and women You called us to be. Use us Father to the level that we have been processed to handle. Use us daily, so You may be glorified in the earth. We ask You to speak through our vocal chords, think through our minds and operate through our limbs, so the world can see Jesus IN us! We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen!

**Day 8 (January 9<sup>th</sup>)**

***Giving God First Place***

**The Scripture(s):**

**“What you should want most is God’s kingdom and doing what he wants you to do. Then he will give you all these other things you need.”**

(Matthew 6:33 ERV)

**The Discussion:**

Jesus taught his disciples to see things from God’s perspective. In this world people pursue things. He taught them to pursue God over things and if they pursued God, things would pursue them. Jesus was not against you having money, or having things. He was against money or things having you.

Solomon is a good example of a person whom God blessed with an abundance. Solomon was the richest man in the world in his day. He was an ultra-billionaire and the best part is that the Lord made him rich. Let’s learn something from Solomon.

In Proverbs 23:4,5 Solomon said, **“Be wise enough not to wear yourself out trying to get rich. Your money can be gone in a flash, as if it had grown wings and flown away like an eagle.”** The issue with God is never whether or not you have money. God has made countless people rich in earthly possessions. The issue is ‘money having you,’ especially to the point where it becomes your underlying motivation in life. **Many have ruined their marriages, relationships with their children, and even their health over the pursuit of the “almighty dollar”**. Once money becomes your motivation, you are no longer in position to allow the Word of God to grow in your heart. Your love for money will compete with your love for God.

**The Application:**

1. Solomon taught us not to wear ourselves out attempting to get rich (see Prov 23:4,5). It’s not worth it. You can ruin your life chasing a buck. If you chase God instead of chasing money, God can see to it that money chases you.
2. There is nothing wrong with being rich or even working to be rich, just as long as the pursuit of money is no the object of your heart. Some have developed a lust and thirst for money in their hearts to the point where the almighty dollar has actually become their almighty god.
3. Keep a Godly perspective when it comes to money. Money makes an **excellent servant**, but a **poor master**. There is nothing wrong with having money, but it should not be your #1 pursuit. Pursue God, don’t pursue things, and before you know it **things will be pursuing you**.
4. Rest in your divine assignment. When you get to the point where you are at peace with the plans God made for you before the world began, you will be in position to experience true prosperity. What God has for you is much greater than anything money could buy. But here’s the good news: while God’s

assignment is bigger than money, **it does not exclude it!** If you live your life God's way you can still be prosperous financially. God can bless you with 'more than enough'. And more importantly, you will also have a healthy body, a sound mind, a close-knit family and the satisfaction of knowing you are walking in your divine purpose. This is a picture of **good** success.

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, You are my #1 priority. I pursue You above all else. I thank You for a healthy perspective concerning money. I can have money, because money does not have me. I know money makes an excellent servant, but a poor master. So, I declare that money is not my master. You are! I seek You with my whole heart and I experience the success You planned for me before the world began. I rest in Your plans and Your provision. I pursue You, not things, and as a result, things pursue me every day of my life! You bless me with more than enough, and You then lead me to BE a blessing with the overflow! I declare this by faith! In Jesus'

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, we know You love us and because You placed Your love IN us, we can also love you. We love You Father with our whole-heart. We love You to the point where we give You first place in every area of our lives. We pursue You over pursuing things. We place Your Kingdom projects above our own. And because we do, we thank You for continually watching over us, blessing us, and causing Your goodness and mercy to pursue us all the days of our lives. We don't concern ourselves with what we shall eat, drink or wear. We concern ourselves with You and we trust that You will concern Yourself with us. We ask You to bless us richly to the point where we can BE a blessing daily out of our overflow. We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen!

**Day 9 (January 10<sup>th</sup>)**

*God Is Your Source*

**The Scripture(s):**

**Jesus sent the twelve men out with these instructions: “Don’t go to the non-Jewish people. And don’t go into any town where the Samaritans live. But go to the people of Israel. They are like sheep that are lost. When you go, tell them this: ‘God’s kingdom is now very near.’ Heal the sick. Bring the dead back to life. Heal the people who have leprosy. And force demons out of people. I give you these powers freely, so help others freely. Don’t carry any money with you—gold or silver or copper. Don’t carry a bag. Take only the clothes and sandals you are wearing. And don’t take a walking stick. A worker should be given what he needs.”**

(Matthew 10:5-10 ERV)

**The Discussion:**

Jesus sent His disciples out to do ministry. After watching Him perform the supernatural, Jesus expected them to do what He was doing by the grace of God. Jesus did this to prove to His disciples that God’s grace was just as available to them as it was to Him. The disciples had to learn to rely on God.

For the purposes of this lesson what we will focus in on is the fact that Jesus forbid them from taking any money with them. Jesus said, **“Don’t carry any money with you—gold or silver or copper. Don’t carry a bag. Take only the clothes and sandals you are wearing. And don’t take a walking stick. A worker should be given what he needs.”** Jesus wanted the disciples to see God as their source. Jesus wanted His men to put their total confidence in God.

Later on, Jesus recalled this situation and He asked His disciples a key question. He said, **“Remember when I sent you out without money, a bag, or sandals? Did you lack anything?”** The disciples responded, **“No. We laced nothing.”** (see Luke 22:35). Do you know why they did not lack anything? It was because God was their source! 2,000 years later, many believers still need to learn this lesson.

**The Application:**

1. You won’t lack anything when you are doing the will of God. You will face opposition and things may get difficult from time to time, but instead of giving you ‘**less challenge**’, God opts to give you ‘**more grace**’. His grace will see you through whatever you face.
2. The grace of God is always available to do what He is leading you to do; and that includes money.
3. God is more than capable of funding His projects.
4. Wherever God gives vision, He obligates Himself for the provision. Said another way, if it’s **God’s will**, then it’s also **God’s bill**.

5. God's dreams have **no limits** because His resources have **no end** (*selah*). God is limitless by nature.
6. Stop dreaming **man-sized dreams**. God-sized dreams require God-sized investments, but God is always up to the task. **He has never given a dream He can't fund.**
7. Divine provision is stored up for you by God's unearned grace. He now expects you to use your faith to lay hold of it.

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, You have already prepared everything I need to accomplish what You are calling me to do. You now expect me to use my faith to lay hold of it. What You lead me to do often exceeds my bank accounts, my education and my affiliations. Your vision requires Your provision. Your dreams require Your involvement. You lead me to do things that force me to rely on You. You don't want me consumed worrying about money. You don't want my focus to be on where the money is going to come from. It's Your will, and therefore it's Your bill. You are more than capable of funding Your projects. You are my source. You are my strength. You are my God! I will do all You have called me to do – not by my power, money or ability, but only by Your grace! I declare this by faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, help us to know you intimately and powerfully. As a family we want to get to the point where we trust You with our whole heart. You have never failed us and we know you never will. We ask you to be patient with us as we build our confidence level in you to the point where we see You as our source for all things. We are learning how You already prepared everything we need. As we endeavor to maximize our purpose and potential in 2017, we will do so looking to You for all things – both natural and supernatural. Thank You Father for having prepared both for our arrival and our success. We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen!

**Day 10 (January 11<sup>th</sup>)**

***Trusting God Over Money***

**The Scripture(s):**

**Jesus sent the twelve men out with these instructions: “Don’t go to the non-Jewish people. And don’t go into any town where the Samaritans live. But go to the people of Israel. They are like sheep that are lost. When you go, tell them this: ‘God’s kingdom is now very near.’ Heal the sick. Bring the dead back to life. Heal the people who have leprosy. And force demons out of people. I give you these powers freely, so help others freely. Don’t carry any money with you—gold or silver or copper. Don’t carry a bag. Take only the clothes and sandals you are wearing. And don’t take a walking stick. A worker should be given what he needs.”**

(Matthew 10:5-10 ERV)

**The Discussion:**

When Jesus sent His disciples out to do ministry He forbid them from taking any money for a reason. Jesus wanted the disciples’ total trust and confidence to be in God and not in money. Many people put far too much confidence in money. Jesus was teaching His disciples to put ALL their confidence in God.

If the disciples could not see God as their source for money, then how could they rely on God for the supernatural? Jesus was sending them out to heal the sick and cast out demons. The disciples had to totally rely on God to perform acts that exceed human ability. If the disciples could not rely on God for natural things, then how could they rely on Him for supernatural things? God wants you to see Him as your source of all things – natural and supernatural.

When God sees you doing what He told you to do, while totally trusting Him for the resources, He will prove to you that He is a ‘more than capable’ source.

**The Application:**

1. People stay in frustration when God is not their **only** source of expectation. It’s frustrating when you are waiting on God for something, but you then shift back and forth between trusting God and trusting man (or money). When God sees He is NOT your only source, He steps back. He wants your total confidence to be IN HIM! The psalmist said, “**My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him**” (Psalm 62:5). God wants to know that your expectation is from Him and not man or money.

2. Money makes an excellent servant, but a poor master. Jesus said, “**You cannot serve God and money**” (Mat 6:24). If your trust is in money and not in God, your life will fall apart. Money is not capable of providing what God can.



3. The Bible does not teach against believers having money. The Bible teaches against believers putting their **trust** in money. Paul said, “**Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment**” (1 Tim 6:17). We learn several things here:

a) The Bible is not against the rich. The Bible just teaches the rich not to put their hope or confidence in their riches.

b) The Bible calls earthly riches “**uncertain**”. If you trust in money, instead of trusting in God, you will quickly find out how uncertain money can be.

c) Our God richly provides us everything, even for our enjoyment. It’s okay to enjoy the things you are blessed to possess.

d) Don’t love things, just enjoy them. God is okay with you enjoying what He blesses you with, but if you start loving ‘things’, you will have a problem.

4. Your blessing is in eternity, in the invisible world. It was already prepared for you by grace. God is waiting for your faith to pull it out. But to do so, your trust must be IN HIM!

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, You have already prepared everything I need to accomplish my divine assignment. Everything I need in life is already stored up for me. You planned and prepared for me by Your unearned grace. You now expect me to use my faith to pull what You have stored up for me out of the invisible into the visible. I declare that I do. I walk by faith and not by sight. As I do, my total trust, hope and confidence is in You Father. I am convinced that I will accomplish all I was born to accomplish. I will do all You have called me to do. I won’t do it by my strength, but by Your grace! I am not relying on my bank account. I am relying on Your eternal supply. I declare this by faith. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, thank You for calling us to specific assignments in the earth and for having prepared everything we will ever need to be successful. As we walk with You and You walk with us, help us to get to the point where we see You as our only source. You don’t want us to fluctuate between placing our confidence in You, us, others and money. We want to get to the point where our soul waits ONLY for You Father. Help us to get there in 2017 so we can experience Great Victory in every area of our lives. We pray this by faith, in Jesus’ name, Amen!

**Day 11 (January 12<sup>th</sup>)**

***The God of Health and Wealth***

**The Scripture(s):**

**Even so, I have noticed one thing, at least, that is good. It is good for people to eat, drink, and enjoy their work under the sun during the short life God has given them, and to accept their lot in life. And it is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it. To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life—this is indeed a gift from God. God keeps such people so busy enjoying life that they take no time to brood over the past.**

(Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 NLT).

**The Discussion:**

King Solomon was a man who had access to both divine wealth and divine wisdom. We can learn a great deal about grace-based success through his teachings. Let's focus in on something he said in today's passage. Solomon said, "**It is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it.**" Unfortunately, many believers have developed a misunderstanding concerning God's will for health and wealth. At VCMi we believe it is God's will that we live long and strong (with good physical health), and that we prosper financially. Our God is not against health or wealth.

Sometimes Christians have confused clear issues. If you ask the average person if it is better to have or not have money, most will say that having money is better than not having it. Likewise, the average person will tell you that it is better to be healthy than sick. But for some reason, some church leaders have confused the matter. Some have vilified money to the point where they think it is somehow "**holy**" to be poor and others have told people that God put certain sicknesses and diseases on them in an attempt to teach them something. God does not need to make you sick to teach you a lesson and there is nothing holy about being poor. Poverty is actually under the curse Jesus delivered us from.

**The Application:**

1. Sickness and poverty are NOT blessings. In Deuteronomy 28 Moses describes both The Blessing and The Curse in detail.

These are some of the things mentioned under **The Blessing:**

- God will bless you in the city and in the field.
- You will have many children.
- Your land will produce good crops.
- Your livestock will reproduce in abundance.
- God will bless you at all times in everything you do.
- God will defeat your enemies.
- Your barns will be full.

- You will be in a position to lend money and you won't have any need to borrow.

These are some of the things mentioned under **The Curse**:

- You will be cursed in the city and in the field.
- You will not have many children.
- Your crops will not produce.
- Your animals will not reproduce.
- Everything you do will fail.
- Your enemies will triumph over you.
- You will have diseases, fever and swelling.
- You will be hungry, thirsty, naked and poor.

The good news is that Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the Law (see Gal 3:13,14).

2. God does not need to make you sick to teach you a lesson. God has given you His Word, His Spirit, and His leaders to teach you.

4. The Bible contains the character, attributes and nature of God. The more you read God's Word, the better positioned you will be to know God intimately. We will look at some of the things the Bible teaches us about God's will to prosper us. As part of The Blessing God has promised to:

- Satisfy us with long life (Ps 91:16).
- Forgive our sins and heal our diseases (Ps 103:3).
- Renew our youth (Ps 103:5).
- Keep us from deadly diseases (Deut 7:15).
- Heal our sick through the prayer of faith (James 5:15).
- Use us to lay hands on the sick so they can get well (Mark 16:18).

So, while I know bad things do happen to good people, let's not confuse the issue by attempting to claim that something bad is actually good. Sickness is bad, period. Poverty is bad, period. Don't let anyone confuse you.

5. The Bible tells us that Jesus came to "**Destroy the works of the devil**" (1 Jn 3:8). The Bible also teaches us that Jesus "**went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him**" (Acts 10:38). If sickness came from God, then why would this same God heal people through His Son Jesus? And if sickness came from God and Jesus went around healing the sick, then wouldn't He be working against the Father? No, it is obvious that sickness is part of the curse, not The Blessing, and it IS NOT a good thing to be sick.

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, I am on this planet to do Your will and I am determined to maximize my purpose and potential while I am in the land of the living. To do so You see to it that I receive all I need to complete my divine assignment. I thank You for the open door of favor over my life. Favor can do more in a moment than labor can do in a lifetime. You favor me richly and You also give me divine wisdom and insight so I am in position to earn the resources and to generate the wealth required to fund what You have called me to do. Not only that, but Your grace is also available for divine health. You give me the physical health and strength to do what You called me to do. You grace me to live long and strong. I will not die because I am sick. I will not die because I am old. I will only die when I am done! I agree with Your Word and say, **“It is a good thing to receive wealth from God and the good health to enjoy it.”** This shall be my testimony. I declare this by faith. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, You love us, You have blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, and You now watch over us as we seek to accomplish Your will in the earth. As You walk with us and we walk with You, help us Father to align our thinking and our actions with Your best. You want us to live long and strong. You want us to enjoy financial abundance. You want us to leave a mark in this world that is not easily erased. As we are led of Your Spirit in all things, we believe we will experience the best year of our lives. We release our faith to receive wealth from You and the good health to enjoy it this year, making 2017 a year of Great Victory for us! We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen!

Day 12 (January 13<sup>th</sup>)

*Categories of Giving (Part 1)*

**The Scripture(s):**

**All these things didn't come from me and my people. All these things come from you. We are only giving back to you things that came from you.**

(1 Chronicles 29:14 ERV)

**The Discussion:**

In 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 29 King David collected the resources required to build God's temple. The Lord had already told him that he would bring the resources together and his son, Solomon, would actually oversee the building project. While David was looking at everything the people gave as an offering to the Lord for the building project, he saw gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, precious stones in many colors, marble, and many other offerings. David was overwhelmed with the magnitude of the offering. But the king also knew that God Himself had blessed the people to be able to give. This caused David to say to the Lord, "**All these things didn't come from me and my people. All these things come from you. We are only giving back to you things that came from you.**" This is the essence of our giving. God blesses us richly and we then get to participate in the blessing of giving back to God from the things He freely gave to us.

In today's devotion, we will take a high-level overview of **tithes** and **offerings**. In the next devotion, we will look at two other categories of giving.

**The Application:**

1. Abraham was a blessed man. The Lord's promised blessing was on Abraham. Abraham's journey with the Lord began in Genesis 12 and by chapter 13 the Lord had already made Abraham rich in cattle, silver and gold. In chapter 14 the Lord blessed Abraham to experience a great victory and as a result of the victory Abraham had access to many *spoils*. Abraham brought one tenth (a tithe) of the spoils to Melchizedek. Melchizedek was both the king of Salem and a priest of the Most High God. Hebrews 7 teaches us that Melchizedek was a man without a father or mother, and he was a perpetual priest, like Jesus Himself.

Although the Blessing of the Lord was already on Abraham, when Abraham brought the tithe Melchizedek blessed him. Melchizedek received the tithe and as a priest of the Most High God, He released The Blessing.

In the Old Testament the Levitical Priests received the tithe and released The Blessing. Under the new Covenant, the writer of Hebrews teaches us that Jesus is a perpetual priest after the order of Melchizedek and Jesus Himself receives our tithes as New Covenant believers. When we bring the tithe today we bring it into the church, we present it before God, and we release the tithe to Jesus. Jesus, as our High Priest forever, receives the tithe and releases The Blessing.

2. In the Old Testament there were various types of offerings. In the New Testament, the financial offering is everything we offer that is above and beyond the tithe.
3. The practice of tithing and giving offerings is documented in scripture both before and after the Old Covenant of The law. It is therefore NOT limited to the Law. As New Covenant believers we give tithes and offerings as part of our spiritual covenant with the Father.
4. Under the Old Covenant, the people would be cursed unless they did everything just right, remembered every detail, and did not leave out any steps in the process of following the letter of The Law. But thankfully today we are under grace and Jesus' blood delivers us from any curse (Galatians 3:13). We are blessed to give as we are led of the Holy Spirit. Not tithing will not cause God to place us under the curse.
5. The concept of giving and tithing is not based on money itself, it is about trust. When we give, it is no longer just giving money—we are authenticating our trust in God and we are then in position to experience God's best in every area of our lives.

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, You have blessed me richly. Everything I have came from You. Giving back is not something I've got to do, it is something I GET to do! I am honored to be able to give back to You from what You have first given to me. So, I honor You with the first tenth of ALL my increase. Beyond that, I am led of Your Spirit to give financial offerings and I do so with a cheerful heart. I don't give because I am afraid of being cursed. I don't give because I am obligated to give. I give because I love You and I am thankful to be able to sow into the vision of VCMI. My giving authenticates my trust. My giving proves to You that I can be trusted to fund Your Kingdom projects. Therefore, Father, You are free to give to me in abundance. The more I receive, the more I give, all for Your glory! 2017 is a year of Great Victory for me! I will give like never before! I declare this by faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, thank You for teaching us to prosper financially and in every area of our lives. You love us with an everlasting love and You want us to walk in Your best. As we give our tithes and offerings, we are putting our finances in covenant with You. We want to become people who fund Your Kingdom projects in the earth. We come in agreement that from this point forward we will tithe from everything that comes into our home. Jesus is our High Priest. He receives the tithe and the offering and He releases The blessing over this household. We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen!

**Day 13 (January 16<sup>th</sup>)**

***Categories of Giving (Part 2)***

**The Scripture(s):**

**All these things didn't come from me and my people. All these things come from you. We are only giving back to you things that came from you.**

(1 Chronicles 29:14 ERV)

**The Discussion:**

In our last devotion we covered tithes and offerings. Today we will cover **giving to the poor** and **sowing into ministry**. Before we do, let's go back to the reminder king David provided us in 1<sup>st</sup> Chronicles 29. Everything we have came from God. Anything we are blessed to give is only a portion of what God first gave us.

As New Testament believers we are filled with the Holy Spirit and we are expected of God to do as His Spirit leads us to do. This includes our giving. In addition to sowing our tithes and offerings into the local church, the Holy Spirit will lead us to partner with ministry opportunities and to meet the needs of the less fortunate.

While the local church has benevolent programs to assist those in need, as members of VCMi we know that we are called to be just like Jesus in this world (1 John 4:17). So, when we are made aware of a financial need, as Jesus' representatives in the earth, the Holy Spirit will often lead us to meet the need, out of the abundance God has provided us, without having to bring the need before the church. We are blessed to BE a blessing in every area of our lives, including our finances.

**The Application:**

1. **Giving to the poor.** God made Solomon the richest man on the planet and this is what he said about giving to the poor. In Proverbs 19 Solomon said, "**Giving help to the poor is like loaning money to the Lord. He will pay you back for your kindness**" (19:17 ERV). In chapter 22 he said, "**Generous people will be blessed, because they share their food with the poor**" (22:9 ERV). And in chapter 28 he said, "**Whoever gives to the poor will have plenty**" (28:27 ERV). In addition to giving tithes and offerings, the Father expects us to use the resources He has blessed us with to BE a blessing to the less fortunate.

a) The purpose of discipleship is evangelism. We attend church every Sunday morning and weeknight service because we are being disciples to be just like Jesus in this world (1 John 4:17). We don't attend VCMi services repeatedly without an expectation of divine growth. But the purpose of our growth is so that we can reach the world for Jesus. When we give to the poor we are doing so as an example of God's love and as a tool of evangelism.

b) The answer to poverty is NOT in any gift. The gift is simply to show the love of God and to draw people with God's love. The answer to poverty is found in the Word. Jesus never gave money to the poor. He gave the poor His Word.

c) At VCMI we give to the poor to show the love of God and we then pour God's Word inside the poor to change them from the inside out. Once we get the Word down inside of a person, the grace of God will empower them to walk out of poverty forever.

2. **Supporting ministry.** In Mark 10 the man commonly referred to as the "**Rich young ruler**" approached Jesus. This man had money, but unfortunately, money had him. When Jesus told him to sell all his possessions, give the proceeds to the poor, and follow Him, the young man left sad. His money kept him from following Jesus. As the man walked away Jesus said, "**It is very hard for a rich person to enter God's kingdom.**" Why? Because many who are rich in earthly possessions have developed a level of trust and confidence in their riches that competes against God. God wants our confidence to be in Him and not in earthly possessions. The Apostle Peter was concerned about Jesus' statement. Peter knew the sacrifice he and the other disciples made to follow Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "**We left everything to follow you!**" To which Jesus replied, "**I can promise that everyone who has left their home, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or farm for me and for the Good News about me will get a hundred times more than they left. Here in this world they will get more homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and farms. And with these things they will have persecutions. But in the world that is coming they will also get the reward of eternal life.**"

a) The disciples had sown a great deal into Jesus' ministry. Jesus assured them that they would receive a hundredfold return on everything that was sown into His ministry. And Jesus made this statement right after He said that it would be hard for a rich person to enter God's Kingdom. Jesus was obviously not against believers having money. He was simply against money having a grip on people to the point where they are NOT free to do with the money whatever the Father tells them to do.

b) God will ensure that you are blessed for whatever you sow (give up) for His sake and for the sake of furthering the Gospel message. When you sow into ministry you are sowing into divine projects in the earth and the Lord Himself will ensure you reap an earthly harvest on every seed sown; in addition to eternal life

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, I am a believer and not a doubter and my belief is seen in my giving. I tithe and give offering to the local church. I sow into the vision of VCMI and I have a blood-bought covenant right to walk under an open heaven. I also give to poor. Therefore, I shall never lack. I am quick to give to those You lead me to BE a blessing to. And lastly Father, I sow into ministry as I am led. You lead me to sow into ministry projects beyond the local and give cheerfully. I give abundantly in every area of giving, as I am led of You, and You see to it that I walk in abundance and continual increase in every area of my life. I declare this by faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.



**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, I thank You for birthing in us a desire to want to give back. You give us both the desire and the ability to BE a blessing. The more we walk with You and You walk with us, the more we grow in the area of giving. We ask you Father to lead us in 2017 to give on the level that we expect to receive. 2017 is a year of Great Victory for us. Help us to also make it a year of great giving. We believe 2017 will be our best year of living. Therefore, help us Father to make this year be our best year of giving! We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen!

**Day 14 (January 15<sup>th</sup>)**

***Don't Wear Yourself Out***

**The Scripture(s):**

**Be wise enough not to wear yourself out trying to get rich. Your money can be gone in a flash, as if it had grown wings and flown away like an eagle.**

(Proverbs 23:4,5 GNB)

**The Discussion:**

The dangers of greed are well documented in Proverbs. Read chapters 11, 19, 25 and 26 to learn about generosity and divine wealth. The issue is never whether or not you can have money. Solomon was the richest man in the world. The issue is always your attitude towards God and your finances. Never make the pursuit of money **your underlying motivation in life**. Many have ruined their marriages, relationships with their children, and even their health over the pursuit of the “almighty dollar”.

In our text Solomon teaches us that we should be wise enough not to wear ourselves out attempting to get rich. In other words, it is foolish to burn yourself out in pursuit of money. Why is it foolish to labor to the point of fatigue just for money? Solomon goes on to explain that the money people sacrifice so much to attain can “**be gone in a flash**”. Now you see it, now you don't. You can always get more money, but things like your character, reputation, health, and relationships are more valuable than money, so we must value them accordingly and give them the respect and consideration they deserve.

**The Application:**

1. There is nothing wrong in being rich. There is nothing wrong in working for earthly riches. The issue comes down to the object of our hearts. If you develop a lust for money it will become your god.
2. Money makes an excellent servant, but a poor master. There is nothing wrong with having money, but it should not be your #1 pursuit. Make God your #1 pursuit in life and He will see to it that you have more than enough to meet the needs of every situation.
3. It's not worth it! The endless pursuit of money often causes people to wind up with money, but only to realize that they have lost everything else along the way. Many lose their families, their integrity, and even their health in a tireless pursuit of money. Jesus once asked the question, “**For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?**” (Mat 16:26). What good will the money be if you lose everything that matters to get it?
4. Don't worry, you will still be blessed! What God has to offer is bigger than money and the good news is that it **does not exclude it**. If you live your life God's way you can still be strong and stable financially, but more importantly, you will also have a healthy body, a sound mind, a close-knit family and a better understanding of true success in life.

5. When you make God your motivation – when you do what He tells you to do, say what He tells you to say, and sow what He tells you to sow – you will experience grace based success. God’s overwhelming favor will go before you, creating an environment of **sweatless victory**.

6. You don’t have to wear yourself out attempting to get rich. The Blessing of the Lord can make you rich, **without the painful toil** normally associated with the things of this world (Proverbs 10:22).

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, I thank You for teaching me how to live. I don’t have to live like the world. I am in this world, but not OF it. Therefore, I don’t wear myself out attempting to get rich. I simply do as I am led of You to do concerning my finances. I give as I am led of You to give. I sow bountifully and You see to it that I reap bountifully. My success comes by Your grace and not my human effort. My faith gives me access to sweatless victory. You make me rich Your way, without the painful toil associated with the things of this world. I am healed, healthy, blessed and prosperous in every area of my life. I declare this by faith! In Jesus’ name. Amen!

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, You teach us to experience success Your way. You have provided the grace for supernatural success and earthly abundance. We come in agreement to release our faith to experience Your best. Help us to enter into Your rest concerning our finances. As we do, we believe we will walk in Your blessing without any sorrow associated with it. Our bodies will be healthy. Our relationships will be strong. Our hearts will be at peace. Our expectation will always be high, because we are committed to becoming the family You called us to be. We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen!

**Day 15 (January 16<sup>th</sup>)**

*Settling The Money Issue*

**The Scripture(s):**

**“The farmer is like someone who plants God’s teaching in people. Sometimes the teaching falls on the path. That is like some people who hear the teaching of God. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the teaching that was planted in them.**

**Other people are like the seed planted on rocky ground. They hear the teaching, and they quickly and gladly accept it. But they don’t allow it to go deep into their lives. They keep it only a short time. As soon as trouble or persecution comes because of the teaching they accepted, they give up.**

**Others are like the seed planted among the thorny weeds. They hear the teaching, but their lives become full of other things: the worries of this life, the love of money, and everything else they want. This keeps the teaching from growing, and it does not produce a crop in their lives.**

**And others are like the seed planted on the good ground. They hear the teaching and accept it. Then they grow and produce a good crop—sometimes 30 times more, sometimes 60 times more, and sometimes 100 times more.”** (Mark 4:13-20 ERV)

**The Discussion:**

In this parable Jesus teaches us to receive His Word and to allow it be settled in our hearts. God’s Word is settled in heaven, but if it is going to produce in our lives, it must be settled in our hearts. One of the issues that competes with the Word, especially as it relates to being settled or at peace in our hearts, is the issue of money. When discussing the ground with thorny weeds Jesus mentioned the love of money. The weeds in this type of ground represent competing priorities. These people, as Jesus explained, hear God’s teaching. So, the seed of God’s Word does get down in their hearts. The issue is that these people also have weeds growing in the hearts that compete against the Word to the point where they actually choke-out the Word, making it unproductive. One of the weeds listed is the love of money.

**The love of money** competes with the Word. If your heart is focused on money, it is because you are not at rest in your heart concerning God and His commitment to provide for you. If you truly see God as your source, then you won’t develop a love for money that competes with your love for God.

**The Application:**

1. For the Word to work in your life your heart needs to be at rest. When you enter into God’s rest concerning any area of your life, you are showing God you are in-faith. When you get to this point you are not concerned, you trust God, you know He will make His Word good and you don’t take on any care concerning any situation. You know the issue is settled in heaven and it is only a matter of time before it is settled in the earth.

2. If you want to maximize your purpose and potential, you must get to the point where you enter God's rest where money is concerned.
  
3. If your heart is open to take on care, fear, doubt or unbelief concerning money, then the anxiety will keep you out-of-faith. When you are in-faith concerning your finances, you know God is your source, you have peace, you have entered God's rest, and the issue of money is settled in your heart.
  
4. You must get to the point where you are convinced God is your source.
  - a) Everything you need for your divine assignment has already been provided.
  
  - b) God called you to His divine purpose and, along with the purpose, God already stored up everything you will ever need to get it done.
  
  - c) When you are pursuing money instead of pursuing God, it is because you don't trust God where your finances are concerned.
  
  - d) You will never enter into rest where your money is concerned **until you believe what God believes about your provision**. When you get to the point where **you believe what God believes about your provision**, you will never operate with a **fear of running out**. Instead you will have **faith in running over!**
  
  - e) When you know God is your source and you believe He already prepared everything you will need for your success, you are not concerned about money. **God has millions of ways to get you millions of dollars**. Keep your focus, trust and confidence in Him.

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, Your provision for my life is settled in heaven. Everything I need has already been prepared. All the resources required to complete my life's vision are already stored. The issue is not with you. If there is ever an issue, it is always with me. But I declare that issues, where money is concerned, are over! Your provision is settled in heaven and it is now settled in my heart. You are my source. You are my supply. I never have fear of running out. I have faith in running over! You bless me abundantly. You give me all things richly to enjoy. I declare: money is not an issue for me. I enter into Your rest where my money is concerned. You bless me to give, save and spend. You give me bread for eating and seed for sowing, and I never run out! I declare this by faith! In Jesus' name. Amen.

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, we love you and we know you love us. You love us so much that You made plans for us before the world began. We ask You to reveal those plans to us and to help us get to the point where we at peace with Your divine provision. We want to settle the money issue in our hearts. Help us to do it now. Help us to do it today. Help us to do it once and for all. We come in agreement that You are our source and we never fluctuate between You and anything/anyone else. We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen.

**Day 16 (January 17<sup>th</sup>)**

*The Deceitfulness of Riches*

**The Scripture(s):**

“The farmer is like someone who plants God’s teaching in people. Sometimes the teaching falls on the path. That is like some people who hear the teaching of God. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the teaching that was planted in them...

Other people are like the seed planted on rocky ground. They hear the teaching, and they quickly and gladly accept it. But they don’t allow it to go deep into their lives. They keep it only a short time. As soon as trouble or persecution comes because of the teaching they accepted, they give up.

Others are like the seed planted among the thorny weeds. They hear the teaching, but their lives become full of other things: the worries of this life, the love of money, and everything else they want. This keeps the teaching from growing, and it does not produce a crop in their lives.

And others are like the seed planted on the good ground. They hear the teaching and accept it. Then they grow and produce a good crop—sometimes 30 times more, sometimes 60 times more, and sometimes 100 times more.” (Mark 4:13-20 ERV)

**The Discussion:**

We looked at this parable in our last devotion with an emphasis on the words, “**the love of money**”. The King James Version calls it “**the deceitfulness of riches**”. This is what we will focus in on today. Pursuing money over pursuing God proves to be a deceitful pursuit.

**The Application:**

1. **The love of money is deceitful.** Pursuing money over pursuing God is not worth it. The endless pursuit of money often causes people to wind up with money, but only to realize that they have lost everything else along the way, and the things they lost – like their families, their health, their good name, and their integrity – were worth more than money could ever buy. Countless people have pursued money at all costs, only to get to the point where they have the money, but they still feel empty. We are all born with a void that only God can fill. Unless a person finds God, they will attempt to fill their inner void with other things, but they will never be satisfied.

2. Jesus once asked the question, “**For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?**” (Mat 16:26). Never place a pursuit of money over your relationship with God.

3. **Don’t put your trust in money, put your trust in God.** Solomon said, “**Those who trust in their riches will fall like dead leaves, but the righteous will prosper like the leaves of summer**” (Prov 11:28). In the King James Version of Mark 4:19, Jesus said, “The people who are like thorny ground

receive the Word, but “**The cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things, choke the word, making it unfruitful.**” One of the definitions for the word “deceitful” includes the word “untrustworthy.” This is the message of Solomon’s teaching in Proverbs 11:2. His point is a point about trust. Solomon was a billionaire and he taught us **NOT** to trust in riches. He does not cut any corners either. Solomon plainly states that those who trust in their riches will fall like dead leaves. These leaves were once green, full and flourishing. But after a change of season, the leaves dried up, changed colors, died and eventually fell. Solomon then contrasts this image with the image of the righteous. He tells us that the righteous will prosper like the leaves of summer. Because our trust is in God and not in money, we are always connected to the source, our leaves remain green and full of life, and we prosper in all that we do.

4. **Make your choice between serving God and serving money.** God is not opposed to you having money. He just wants you to honor Him above anything He can bless you with. **If you have a proper relationship with money, God can give you loads of it.** But if your trust is in your wealth and not in God, then your wealth has become your god. Jesus said, “**You cannot serve both God and Money**” (Mat 6:24). You can either put your trust in God, honor Him with your finances, and do whatever He tells you to do with the money He places in your hands; or you can pursue money and make money the focal point of your life. If you choose the latter, you will quickly find out that you won’t like the results. Money is deceitful. Let money serve you, don’t serve it! If you serve it, you will wind up deceived and disappointed.

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, You are my God, You are my King, You are my Lord and I worship You every day of my life. I acknowledge no other god and I call upon no other name. I am led of Your Spirit every day of my life. I live by every Word You speak to me. Living this way, I am not easily deceived. I will not be drawn away by selfish lusts of worldly desires. My heart is pure. My hands are clean. My intentions are holy. My pursuits are divine. My life is all about You! I don’t love money, I love You! And because I do, You are able to trust me with earthly riches. I use all You place in my hands for Your glory and I will never be distracted, dissuaded or derailed from the pursuit of my destiny. I declare this by faith! In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, You are our creator and we are Your creation. We know You birthed us into this world to bring glory to Your name. We come in agreement to do so. We stand in faith, believing that we will live the remainder of our days as representatives of heaven in the earth. We are Your ambassadors. We live as examples of Jesus in this world daily. We know You have already blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. We know Your work is already done. So we have no need to love money, we love You. Help us Father to release every selfish desire and to become the men/women You called us to be. As Jesus is, so are we in this world DAILY! We pray this by faith, in Jesus’ name, Amen.

**Day 17 (January 18<sup>th</sup>)**

***The Purpose of Prosperity***

**The Scripture(s):**

**“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.**

(1 Timothy 6:17-19 NIV).

**The Discussion:**

The Apostle Paul invested a great deal of his time and energy into his spiritual son, Pastor Timothy. This relationship was one of father and son, but it was also one of Apostle and Pastor. Paul would teach Timothy and he expected Timothy to teach his congregation. For example, in Paul’s second official letter to Timothy, the Apostle said, **“Timothy, you are a son to me. Be strong in the grace that we have because we belong to Christ Jesus. What you have heard me teach publicly you should teach to others. Share these teachings with people you can trust. Then they will be able to teach others these same things.”** (2 Timothy 2:1,2 ERV).

In our focus text for today’s devotion, Paul provided Timothy godly counsel for the members of Timothy’s congregation who were rich in earthly possessions. Paul did not say the rich members had to leave the church. Paul did not say that having money was evil. Paul did not say the rich had to sell everything they had. No, Paul gave clear counsel for the believers God has blessed with financial abundance. The Apostle made it clear that God had blessed these members and now they were in a position to BE a blessing to others.

**The Application:**

1. Paul commanded the rich in this world to **“do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.”** He did not tell them to get rid of their money. He did not tell them it was bad. He did not tell them money was wicked. Paul simply taught them to use their money to be a blessing to others. This counsel still stands today.
2. The Bible does not say you cannot have money. In the Bible, God actually goes to great lengths to explain what we should do with the resources He places in our hands. God blesses us, so we can BE a blessing to others. The purpose of prosperity is evangelism. When we use our overflow the proper way, God is glorified in the earth and the lost are drawn to Him.
3. In Deuteronomy 8:10-20 the Lord led Moses to give clear instructions to the nation of Israel. God wanted His people to never forget that **it was Him who made them rich**. God was dealing with a generation of people who were born slaves and He was preparing them to receive His abundance. It was the Lord who got them out of slavery. It was the Lord who saw to it that the Egyptians gave the Israelites gold, silver and clothing before they left. And the Lord was preparing them to receive houses they did not



build and land they did not purchase in Canaan. So, the Lord had Moses to say, “**Remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.**”

a) The Lord is clearly not against wealth. The Bible is full of documented cases where the Lord Himself made people rich.

b) If the Lord were against wealth, why would He give you the power to produce it? It is clear that God is not against wealth. He gives us the power to produce wealth in the earth and in so doing, He actually confirms the covenant of blessing He established with Abraham.

c) As New Covenant believers we get to enjoy both the blessing of Abraham (which is a natural blessing) and the blessing of Jesus (which is a spiritual blessing). We are free to enjoy the gifts of the Holy Spirit and financial prosperity.

4. Accept the grace and the responsibility to walk in earthly prosperity. Some say, “**Oh, I only want enough for me and my family,**” or “**All I need is enough to get by.**” While statements like these seem ‘holy’ or ‘spiritual’ on the surface, they are actually selfish. If all you want is enough for you and your family, then you are not focused on others. You are shunning your responsibility to BE a blessing. You should want everything God wants to give you in order to do what He birthed you to do. You cannot feed the poor if you don’t have enough food for yourself. You can’t help pay someone else’s bills if you can’t pay your own. You can’t help put a roof over someone’s head if you don’t have a place to stay. Our God is a God of overflow, because He wants us to bless others out of our overflow. God is not opposed to you having ‘**more than enough**,’ because He wants you to be able to help others. But it comes with a responsibility. The more you have, the more you have to manage and the more demands there will be from others. However, the same God who gave you the grace to increase will give you the grace to manage the overflow.

5. The purpose of prosperity is evangelism. God can give you money with a mission and power with a purpose. God wants you to use what He places in your hands to bring glory to His name. God wants to use you to reach the world for Jesus.

### **The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, You give me the power to get wealth. You favor the work of my hands. You grace me to succeed in every area of my life. You cause me to increase supernaturally and naturally. And as You give me excess, as I have “more than enough”, as I am walking in overflow, I am able to bless others out of my overflow. I declare that I have an overflow of love, peace, mercy, patience and money. I am blessed to BE a blessing. I tithe, I give offerings, I finance ministry projects, and I give to the poor, as I am led of Your Spirit. Therefore, Your Word teaches me that I am laying up treasure in heaven and that I will experience heaven on earth. 2017 is a year of Great Victory. I will give on a greater level, I will receive on a greater level, and I will BE a blessing on a greater level. I declare this by faith! In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, we ask You to bless us richly, to cause us to experience increase and abundance in every area of our lives, and to give us the wisdom to manage the overflow. We want to BE a blessing to others. We release our faith for 2017 to be a year of overflow for us. We receive the overflow and we release it as you lead us to. You prosper us and You lead us concerning what to do with the prosperity. As you bless us with money, we believe it is money with a mission. As you give us Your power, we believe it is power with a purpose. So, we ask You to bless us indeed and we will BE a blessing in this world. We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen.

**Day 18 (January 19<sup>th</sup>)**

***Your Prosperity Is Connected To Your Divine Purpose***

**The Scripture(s):**

**Then Jesus said to his followers, “And who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus answered, “You are blessed, Simon son of Jonah. No one taught you that. My Father in heaven showed you who I am. 18 So I tell you, you are Peter.”**  
(Matthew 16:15-18 ERV)

**The Discussion:**

In Matthew 16 Jesus asked His disciples, “**Who do people say I am?**” They answered, “**Some people say you are John the Baptizer. Others say you are Elijah. And some say you are Jeremiah or one of the prophets.**” Jesus then asked the men who knew Him the best to tell Him who they thought He was. Simon the fisherman properly identified Jesus as the Messiah. This identification came by revelation from the Father. As a result, Jesus changed the fisherman’s name from Simon, which means “unstable”, to Peter, which means “rock”.

When Simon the fisherman discovered Jesus (by revelation), Jesus then allowed Simon to find himself (by revelation). He was living his life as Simon the fisherman, but he was called to be Peter the Apostle. **When Simon found Jesus he found himself; he found his purpose.** When he found his purpose, he found the **key** that **unlocked the door to prosperity in his life.** When you think of prosperity in this case, don’t be quick to think about *money*. To say that prosperity includes money is not **incorrect**, but a picture of prosperity that is solely based on money is woefully **incomplete**. Divine prosperity involves becoming the person God called you to be and completing your divine assignment before you die. This is a much greater purpose than anything money can buy.

In today’s devotion we will look at four believers who found true prosperity when they found their purpose.

**The Application:**

1. **Peter.** Peter was a fisherman before he found Jesus and his purpose. Once he found his purpose and he started walking in it, he did things he never imagined he would do during his ‘fisherman’ years. Peter walked on water. God used Peter to heal the sick. On the Day of Pentecost, Peter preached the first sermon after Jesus’ resurrection and 3,000 people were added to the church that day, effectively birthing the New Testament church. Peter led the establishment and the growth of the New Testament. Peter became a prosperous man. He lived a life that far exceeded anything he could have ever done as Simon the fisherman. But Peter’s prosperity could not be measured in money. Peter’s prosperity had to be measured in divine purpose! Once he found his purpose, Peter could tap into everything he needed to fulfill it. The same can be said for you!

2. **David.** David was a shepherd boy who spent more time with his father's sheep than with the rest of his family. But while David was tending sheep, he was spending time with God. God had a purpose for David and it was much bigger than anything he could imagine. One day David fought and killed a lion with his bare hands. Another day he did the same with a bear. David did this to protect his sheep, but what he did not know is that God was preparing him for his life's assignment. One day David would kill a giant and this very public victory would propel him into his destiny. Before his very public encounter with a giant, the Lord provided David a more intimate promotion. The Lord sent His prophet to visit Jesse's house. David was called out of the field and the prophet anointed David to be the next king of Israel. It took years and it would cost him lots of pain in the process, but David eventually became Israel's king. David was living his life as a shepherd when he discovered his purpose was to be a king. David endured many challenges on the road to his purpose, but he eventually fulfilled his divine assignment. David was a prosperous man. And although David was rich (naturally speaking), his prosperity could not be measured in money. David's prosperity was clearly measured in divine purpose.

3. **Joseph.** Joseph was 17 years old when the Lord gave him a dream. The dream became the defining factor of Joseph's life. The dream came with its share of challenges, but it led to Joseph's success/prosperity nonetheless. Joseph embraced God's dream for his life. He believed it and received it, even though he had no idea how it was going to come to pass. Joseph was called to the palace, but along the way he had to endure stops in the pit, in Potiphar's house and in prison. But no matter where Joseph was, God was with him. He was a slave, and he became a prosperous slave. He was a prisoner, and he wound up running the entire operation. In the end, the dream came to pass. Joseph was promoted from prisoner to Prime Minister overnight. Joseph became a prosperous man, because he found, followed and finished his divine purpose.

4. **Paul.** The Apostle Paul was the church's #1 enemy and he wound up becoming its leader. How? By God's amazing grace and because of God's preplanned purpose. Paul may have thought he was prospering when he had the backing of the Jewish leaders to persecute Christians. He may have thought he was a prosperous man when he was quickly moving up the ranks of the Jewish religious elite. But Paul did not find true prosperity until he found Jesus, and subsequently his purpose. Paul's success and prosperity in life were connected to his divine assignment. This had nothing to do with how much money he had or where he lived. Paul endured countless challenges. He spent years in prison. But Paul was a prosperous man because he found, followed and ultimately finished his divine purpose. God used Paul to go on four missionary journeys, to write over half the New Testament, and to leave a mark in this world that is still being felt today. All because Paul found his divine purpose.

5. **You also have a divine purpose.** David said the following and it applies to all of us: "**Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you, The days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day**" (Psalm 139:16). Paul said the following and it also applies to us today: "**For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do**" (Ephesians 2:10). You are not a mistake. You were born for God's divine purpose and your success/prosperity in life is connected to that purpose. You will never experience divine prosperity until you find your divine purpose.

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, I am not a mistake. I was born for a reason and that reason is Your assignment for my life. I have made more mistakes than I want to remember. The devil often reminds me of my mistakes and I sometimes feel unworthy and inadequate. However, Your grace is helping me accept my assignment by keeping my eyes on Jesus. In my own right, I could never be righteous or good enough. But Jesus was righteous and good enough for me. You made me righteous by Your grace and I accept Your righteousness, and my assignment, by faith. My prosperity is connected to my purpose and I accept my assignment with my whole heart. I don't fight against what I was born to do, and I don't waste time pursuing something else. I accept my assignment, I embrace the grace to fulfill it, and I live by faith in pursuit of it. Living this way will lead to divine success and prosperity. I am excited about my future, because I know it will be lived on purpose! I declare this by faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, we ask You to reveal your divine purpose to us. Once we discover Jesus, we are in position to discover our true selves. Help us to find, follow and finish our divine purpose. Help us to become the men and women You birthed us to be. Help us to leave the mark in the world we were destined by You to leave. Help us Father to walk in our purpose and to enjoy true prosperity every step of the way. We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen.

**Day 19 (January 20<sup>th</sup>)**

***My God Shall Supply All Your Need***

**The Scripture(s):**

**But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**

(Philippians 4:19 KJV)

**The Discussion:**

Today's text is often misunderstood. Many believers read this scripture and immediately conclude that God is supposed to supply whatever they need, whenever they need it. It is true that God has already supplied everything we need to complete our divine assignment. It is true that God's provision was made by grace and all we must do is access His provision with our faith. But in order to do so we must be dead to self and selfish desires.

To understand God's provision within the context of what Paul was saying, we will read verses 13-19. The Bible says: "**Christ is the one who gives me the strength I need to do whatever I must do. But it was good that you helped me when I needed help. You people in Philippi remember when I first told the Good News there. When I left Macedonia, you were the only church that gave me help. Several times you sent me things I needed when I was in Thessalonica. Really, it is not that I want to get gifts from you. But I want you to have the benefit that comes from giving. I have everything I need. I have even more than I need. I have all I need because Epaphroditus brought your gift to me. Your gift is like a sweet-smelling sacrifice offered to God. God accepts that sacrifice and it pleases him. My God will use his glorious riches to give you everything you need. He will do this through Christ Jesus.**" (Philippians 4:13-19 ERV).

Paul was on the mission field for the Lord. He was on divine assignments that required divine provision. The Lord provided for Paul and He did so through people. In this case Paul acknowledges how the believers in Philippi were part of that provision. They were used of God to meet the needs of his ministry. Since Paul's ministry was actually God's ministry, Paul could confidently assert that God Himself would supply all of their needs, because they had supplied his. Paul was basically saying that they were entitled to **reap** what they had **sown**.

**The Application:**

1. God established a system of cause-and-effect, sowing-and-reaping, and the free will of humans in the earth. God honors our seed and sees to it that we reap a harvest on every seed sown.
2. When you sow into a ministry project – whether it be a local church, global missions, an itinerant ministry, etc. – you become a partaker of the grace that is on the person/ministry you supported. In essence, your seed gives you access to their anointing. In the case of Paul, the believers in Philippi partnered with in ministry and Paul stood in faith for God to meet the needs of his partners.
3. While today we simply seek to give as we are led of God to give, Paul made it clear that there is a benefit associated with our giving. Since the believers in Philippi were a blessing to him, He said, "**I**

**want you to have the benefit that comes from giving.**” In his letter to the believers in Ephesus Paul explained that what we make happen for others, God will make happen for us (Ephesians 6:8).

4. A God-ordained ministry project is already blessed. The fact that God ordained it, means everything required to complete it has already been prepared. The project was God’s forethought, and along with the planning for the project, God prepared the provision.

a) A Biblical example of this is the four missionary journeys the Lord sent Paul on. Since the journeys were God’s will, everything required to complete the journeys were God’s bill. God Himself ensured that Paul had everything He needed to accomplish his divine assignment. Paul’s point in this chapter (Philippians 4) is that God blessed the believers in Philippi to be part of the provision. God has millions of ways to get millions of dollars to us, in order to fund His projects. However, God often uses people as conduits of His provision. Since the believers in Philippi participating in what God was doing in Paul’s life, Paul was then able to pray, with the divine confidence, for their needs to be met.

b) The key Paul teaches us in this passage is this: **When you choose to financially participate in a God-ordained project, putting God’s needs above your own, God Himself will see to it that all your needs are met.**

c) We will use the VCMi Virginia building project as a modern-day example of this principle. Several years ago, the Lord spoke to Apostle Tony Brazelton concerning the harvest of souls He had already prepared in the Northern Virginia area. The Lord then told Apostle Tony that VCMi would house the harvest of souls in an empty building on Minnieville Road. Since the Lord directed Apostle Tony to have our ministry purchase the building, we know the Lord had already prepared all the provision required to make the purchase and to prepare the building for the occupation of the harvest. The Minnieville Road building project is clearly a God-ordained project and God Himself will see to it that every need is met.

Apostles Tony and Cynthia Brazelton have now given the members of VCMi (all locations) the opportunity to “get in” on this blessed project. The building project will be completed, because the Lord Himself is overseeing it. However, those believers who choose to participate in what God is doing will benefit from the project.

As Apostles Tony and Cynthia receive the funds that are coming in for the project, they can pray like the Apostle Paul prayed and say with confidence to those who have donated: **“My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus!”**

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, I thank You for teaching me how to sow and also how to reap. I thank You for highlighting to me the ministry projects You are performing in the earth. These were projects You planned before the world began. You now lead me to participate in what You are doing. You give me and my household an opportunity to GET IN on Your blessing. I declare that I do! I sow into the building project on Minnieville Road and every other project VCMCI is involved in. I sow as you lead me to sow, and I shall reap all You want me to reap. And just like the believers in Philippi were able to benefit from the anointing on the Apostle Paul, I benefit from the Anointing and the call on Apostles Tony and Cynthia Brazelton. You are their God, You are my God, and I declare that You shall supply all my need according to Your riches in glory through Christ Jesus! I declare this by faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, we thank You for connecting us with Apostles Tony and Cynthia Brazelton and the VCMCI family. As members of VCMCI, we believe what You have spoken through our man and woman of God. 2017 is a year of Great Victory for us. As we prepare to enjoy Record Breaking Blessings, we ask You to lead us concerning every blessed project You want us to sow into. We ask You to bless us to be able to reap, in this season, a harvest from every seed we have sown in the past. And Father, we thank You in advance for allowing us to participate in what You have chosen to do in the earth. You get the glory... we get the benefits, and for that we are thankful! We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen.



Day 20 (January 21<sup>st</sup>)

*Follow Through With Your Pledges*

**The Scripture(s):**

“I am **not ordering you to give**, but I want to see **how real your love is** by comparing you with others who have been so ready and willing to help. You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. You know that **he gave up his heavenly riches for you**. He gave up everything **so that you could be richly blessed**. This is what I think you should do: Last year you were the first to want to give, and you were the first who gave. So now finish the work you started. Then your “**doing**” will be equal to your “**wanting to do**.” Give from what you have. If you want to give, your gift will be accepted. Your gift will be judged by **what you have**, not by what you don’t have.”

(2 Corinthians 8:8-12 ERV)

**The Discussion:**

Paul opens this chapter by telling the believers in Corinth about the giving of the Macedonians. The Macedonians had endured great troubles, and they are very poor. But they were also very generous in their giving. Paul tells us that they gave as much as they could; and even more than they could afford. The Bible tells us that “**No one told them to do this. It was their idea.**” Not only that, but Paul says that the Macedonians actually begged him to allow them to share in God’s projects over and over again. The key was that the Macedonians **first gave themselves to God**, and **then they gave their money**.

Paul used the Macedonians as an example of how we, as believers, should give. He was writing to believers in Corinth who excelled in many gifts, but he wanted them to excel in giving as well. Whenever they saw Paul they expressed a desire to give, but Paul failed to see them **follow through** on their desire. So, he urged them to do so. He was not asking for them to give what they did not have, but only out of what they had.

**The Application:**

1. God is always working in the earth. He has ministry projects going on all over the world. God leads His believers to fund His projects and He is faithful to provide abundance to those who are committed to doing so; **people who use the resources God puts in their hands for His glory**.
2. Paul was not ordering the believers in Corinth to give, because the New Testament Covenant of grace is not one of mandate. God is not looking for you to give out of obligation, coercion or manipulation. God is simply seeking for you to give because you love Him and you love what He is doing in the earth. Paul told the believers in Corinth that we actually prove our love for God when we give. **You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving**. If you love God, you will **want to** participate in what He is doing in the earth.
3. There is a difference between *wanting to do* and actually *doing*. Paul knew the believers in Corinth claimed to want to give, but he urged them to follow through with their giving. He said, “**So now finish**

**the work you started. Then your “doing” will be equal to your “wanting to do.”** God does not want us to simply have the desire to fund His projects. He wants us to follow through on our desires. He will provide the funds and He expects us to simply **distribute** what He **provides**.

4. Just like Paul urged the believers in Corinth to follow through on their pledges, we, as members of VCMI, should follow through on our pledges as well. It is one thing to have a desire to give a certain amount, but it takes commitment and dedication to actually follow through on a financial pledge. God wants our “**doing**” to match our “**wanting to do**”.

5. Don't take on any pressure to perform or to generate the funds. Seek God, ask Him to show you what He wants you and your family to give towards VCMI, TCBM and whatever other projects our Apostles (Tony and Cynthia Brazelton) are led to take on. Whatever number you hear from the Holy Spirit, commit to being the conduit to give the amount, and then believe God to put it in your hands. If God gave you the number, then **He has already made provisions for you**. He will get the funds **TO** you with the intent of getting the funds **THROUGH** you.

6. God ministers both bread (for eating) and seed (for sowing). As money comes into your household, seek God for direction concerning what to do with it. God will tell you what is bread (for eating), and what is seed (for sowing). God wants you to eat the bread, so you can **enjoy life**. But **He does not want you to eat your seed**. If you eat your seed today, you will fail to have a harvest tomorrow.

### **The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, from the foundations of the world You saw fit to connect me to the vision of VCMI. I am a partaker of the grace that is on this ministry. I follow my Pastors and they follow You. You lead them to take on certain projects and as a member, I take ownership over every project. You speak to me concerning my part and I am faithful to do it. I give my time, talent and treasure to You and to my local church. I sow bountifully and I reap bountifully. You lead me to make certain pledges. I make them by faith and by Your grace I am able to follow through on every pledge made. No matter how long it takes, You always make Your Word good in my life. I am Your child. I am like You. Therefore, no matter how long it takes, I will always fulfill every pledge, making my word good and bringing glory to Your name. I declare this by faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **The Closing Prayer:**

Father, You are a faithful God, You have been faithful to us, and You create in us a desire to be faithful as well. Help us to fulfill every pledge, to make good on every promise, and to do all we do with a spirit of excellence, because we are doing it for You. We love you, we love our church, and we love what You have called our church to do. Help us Father to fulfill our part so that we can be the church You called us to be. We believe it is Your will to build a better community, to experience Great Victory and to see lives changed forever in 2017. We come in agreement with You Father and we believe these are already done! We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen.

**Day 21 (January 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

*An Abundance Of Grace*

**The Scripture(s):**

**[Remember] this: he who sows sparingly and grudgingly will also reap sparingly and grudgingly, and he who sows generously [[a]that blessings may come to someone] will also reap generously and with blessings.**

**Let each one [give] as he has made up his own mind and purposed in his heart, not reluctantly or sorrowfully or under compulsion, for God loves (He takes pleasure in, prizes above other things, and is unwilling to abandon or to do without) a cheerful (joyous, “prompt to do it”) giver [whose heart is in his giving].**

**And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation].**

(2 Corinthians 9:6-8 AMPC)

**The Discussion:**

The Apostle Paul begins this chapter by encouraging the believers in Corinth. He said, “**I really don’t need to write to you about this help for God’s people. I know that you want to help. I have been bragging about you to the people in Macedonia.**” Paul knew the Corinthians wanted to help. The Apostle was simply encouraging them, like he did in the previous chapter, to follow through on their desire with actual donations.

As the people prepared to give, the Apostle Paul gave them clear counsel. We will walk our way through his counsel in today’s devotion.

**The Application:**

1. While God is unquestionably sovereign, He allows us the freedom to make our own decisions. One of those decisions is how much we give. The choice and the amount is ours. But the principle God teaches is clear: **the size of our harvest is directly proportional to the size of our seed.** The believer who sows few and/or small seeds will reap few and/or small harvests. But the believer who sows consistent and significant seeds will reap consistent and significant harvests.

2. God has allowed you to participate in His provision in your life. He gives you seed for sowing, but you choose to sow it. If you do, as the Lord of the Harvest, God will see to it that you reap a harvest on every seed sown.

3. Each believer should give as they are led of God's Spirit to give. Paul teaches us NOT to give out obligation, coercion or manipulation. God wants us to give because our heart is in our giving. God loves those who are happy to give.

4. Activate your faith to tap into God's grace for giving.

a) God does all He does by grace. He expects you to do all you do by faith. When you operate in faith, your faith accesses God's grace and you get to experience God's best in the earth.

b) God's grace is available for healing, miracles, supernatural wisdom, divine insight and all spiritual gifts. Many believers pursue God's grace in these areas all their lives. However, God's grace is also available for financial abundance. If you are going to excel in other graces, seek to excel in this grace as well.

c) Paul teaches us that when we purpose it in our heart to give and we sow our seed with a joyful spirit, God is able to make His grace for giving abound towards us. God's abundant grace in the area of giving can position us to be able to meet the needs of every financial situation. God can bless us to be self-sufficient (possessing enough to require no external aid or support), so we can cheerfully fund every ministry project that arises.

d) As an Ambassador of heaven assigned to this world, your personal finances are not contingent upon any local government or economy. God is able to make all grace abound towards you, to the point where you will always have all sufficiency, in all things, at all times, for every situation.

e) God is not mandating that we come up with the money. God is looking for our faith. He gives us the seed to sow. He gives us the faith of Jesus. He then teaches us to sow the seed, in faith, fully believing Him. When we do, our faith taps into His grace for abundance.

**The Declaration of Faith:**

Father, this is a prosperous year for us. You have declared 2017 to be a year of Great Victory. In 2016 You reset me, rebooted me and renewed me. Now that I have been recalibrated, I am in position to experience Your best. 2017 shall be a year like no other. I abound in Your grace for miracles, signs and wonders. I abound in Your grace for supernatural wisdom, insight and revelation. And I also abound in Your grace for giving. I declare that in 2017 I shall sow consistently and abundantly. When I bring my seed, my heart shall be in my giving. I give with a spirit of expectation. I release my seed in faith and I believe my faith will access Your grace. Your grace abounds towards me and I declare that I always have. I have all sufficiency, in all things, at all times. I have no fear of running out. I have faith in running over. By Your abounding grace I am able to meet the needs of every situation and give to every good work. This year is the BEST year of my life! I declare this by faith. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**The Closing Prayer:**

Father, your grace abounds towards us in many areas. Our desire is to experience an abundance of grace in the area of giving as well. We humble ourselves before You, we seek your face continually, we die to self and we only seek to do what You lead us to do. This year, as You lead us in the area of giving, we release our faith to sow as we are led. Your grace to abound is already there. We now come together and agree that our faith will also be there. Our faith will tap into Your grace and we will abound for every good work. Thank You for making 2017 a year of Great Victory for us! We are excited to see Your goodness manifested in our lives like never before. We pray this by faith, in Jesus' name, Amen.

*Declaration of Faith  
Walking In Divine Prosperity*

Father, You set before me life and death, blessing and cursing. You told me to choose life, promising that both I and my seed would live, that we would love You, and that we would be blessed if we obey Your voice. I made my choice and I chose life and blessing, not death and cursing. I cleave unto You and You alone. You are the Lord of my life and the Lord over my household. You are my life and the length of my days. My household is blessed because we submit to You daily. We call upon no other name, nor do we recognize any other deity. You alone are our God! (Duet 30:19,20; Ex 20:3)

I will never cease to give You thanks Father for making me and my household partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. You have delivered us from the power of darkness, and have translated us into the kingdom of Your dear Son – Jesus the Christ (Col 1:12,13)

You Father, are able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) abound toward us in abundance, so that we will always, under all circumstances, have more than enough to meet our needs and to give in abundance towards every charitable work (2 Cor 9:8 AMP)

While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest will not cease. I have seed in the ground. I have sown seeds of love, peace, harmony, forgiveness, compassion, and money; and declare that I reap what I sow. As the Lord of Harvest I trust that You will see to it that I receive a correspondent return on every seed sown. I give to the poor and You repay me. I sow into the kingdom, for the gospel's sake, and You bless me with a manifold harvest. I tithe, and I walk under an open heaven (Gen 8:22, Gal 6:7, Mat 9:38, Prov 19:17, Mark 10:30, Mal 3:10)

I seek You first, Your Kingdom, and Your righteousness and because my priorities and my heart are in order, food, clothes, shelter, and everything I need are added to me. I don't pursue things, I pursue You. But since I pursue You, things pursue me. Thank You Father for supplying all my need and for ensuring that there will never be a shortage of food in the cupboard, clothes in the closet, health in our bodies, peace in our home, or money in the bank (Mat 6:33, Phil 4:19)

As the rain comes down from the sky and does not return until it has watered the ground and caused the earth to bring forth and bud, so is Your Word. Your Word never goes forth without accomplishing everything it says it will and prospering everywhere it is sown. The grass withers, the flower fades, but Your Word shall stand forever. Father, this morning I am standing on Your Word. I believe Your Word teaches me that I should be blessed to be a blessing. I receive both Your blessing and responsibility to BE a blessing by faith. I submit to being a channel, a conduit, and an instrument of Your blessing, for Your glory, daily (Is 55:10,11; Is 40:8. Gen 12:1-3)

I thank You Father for blessing me indeed, for enlarging my territory, for keeping Your hand upon me that no evil would befall me, and for using me to expand Your Kingdom plans and purposes in the earth (1 Chron 4:10). I embrace Your blessing this day. In Jesus' name. Amen!

*Declaration of Faith  
Walking in God's Overall Blessing*

I am alive in Christ and the life that I now live I live for Him. I have been delivered from death. Death has no power over me and the fear of death has no control over me. I operate in the same spirit of faith that Jesus operated in. I make this declaration of faith, according as it is written, I believe, therefore have I spoken. I now speak the Word of God over my life. (Gal 2:20, Heb 2:15, 2 Cor 4:13)

I am the body of Jesus the Christ, the Anointed One and His anointing. Satan has no power over me for I overcome evil with good. I am of God and have overcome Satan. Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. I fear no evil, for You are with me Lord. (John 16:33, 1 Jn 4:4, Ps 23:4)

Your Word and Your Spirit, they comfort me. No weapon formed against me shall prosper for my righteousness is of the Lord. Everything I do prospers. For I am like a tree planted by the rivers of water. I bring forth my fruit in my season. My leaves do not wither. I am blessed and favored in every area of my life. I am delivered from the evils of this present world, for it is the will of God concerning me. No evil shall befall me; neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For the Lord gives, and I give, His angels charge over me and they keep me in all my ways. In my pathway is life and there is no death. I am a doer of the Word of God and I am blessed in my deeds. (Isa 54:17, Ps 1:3, Gal 1:4, Ps 91)

I take the shield of faith and quench every fiery dart the wicked one brings against me. Faith enables me to overcome every hindrance, obstacle, and attack. Christ has redeemed me for the curse of the law; therefore, I forbid any sickness or disease to come upon my body. Every diseased germ and every virus that touches my body dies instantly in the Name of Jesus. Every organ and every system of my body functions to the perfection to which God created it to function. I forbid any malfunction in my body in the Name of Jesus. (Eph 6:16, 1 Jn 5:4, Gal 3:13)

I am an overcomer and I overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony. I am submitted to God and the devil flees from me, because I resist him in the Name of Jesus. The Word of God is forever settled in heaven therefore I establish His Word upon this earth. Great is the peace of my children, for they are taught of the Lord. Christ has redeemed me from poverty, Christ has redeemed me from sickness, and Christ has redeemed me from spiritual death. For poverty He has given me wealth, for sickness He has given me health, for death He has given me eternal life. (Rev 12:11, Jas 4:7, Ps 119:89, Isa 54:13, Gal 3:13)

I delight myself in the Lord and He gives me the desires of my heart. I have given and it is given unto to me, good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over, men give into my bosom. With the same measure I meet it is measured unto to me. I sow bountifully, therefore I reap bountifully. I give cheerfully and my God has made all grace abound toward me that I, having all sufficiency for all things do abound to all good work; having no need of external support. There is no lack in my home. I am a

sower, I partner with divine projects and God richly supplies all my need according to His riches in glory by the anointed Jesus. (Ps 37:4, Luke 6:38, 2 Cor 9:6-8, Phil 4:19)

The Lord is my Shepherd and I do not want. Jesus was made poor that I through His poverty might be made rich. He came that I might have life and have it more abundantly and I having received the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness do reign as a king and priest in life by Jesus, the Anointed One and His anointing. The Lord takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servant. It pleases the Lord to bless me richly. Abraham's blessings are mine. (Ps 23:1, 2 Cor 8:9, John 10:10, Rom 5:17, Ps 35:27)

The Spirit of truth abides in me and teaches me all things. The Holy Spirit guides me into all truth. Therefore I confess, I have perfect knowledge of every situation and every circumstance I come up against. For I have the wisdom of God. I trust in the Lord with all my heart and I lean not to my own understanding. In all my ways I acknowledge Him and He directs my path. I let the Word of the Anointed One dwell in me richly in all wisdom. (John 14:17, Prov 3:5-6, Col 3:6)

I follow the good Shepherd. I know His voice. The voice of a stranger I will not follow. I am the righteousness of God faith in Christ Jesus. I am a new creation in Christ I am His workmanship created in the anointed Jesus. I have put off the old man and put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created me. (John 10:3-6, 2 Cor 5:21, Eph 2:10, Eph 4:24)

I have received the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the knowledge of Him. The eyes of my understanding have been enlightened – flooded with light. I am not conformed to this world but I am transformed by the renewing of my mind. My mind is renewed by the Word of God. I am strengthened with all might according to God's glorious power. (Eph 1:17, Rom 12:1-2, Col 1:11)

I am delivered from the power of darkness and I am translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son. I am born of God and I have world overcoming faith residing on the inside of me. I can and will do in all things through Christ (the Anointed One and His anointing) who strengthens me. The joy of the Lord is my strength. The Lord is the strength of my life. (Col 1:13, 1 Jn 5:4, Phil 4:13, Neh 8:10)

The peace of God which passes all understanding keeps my heart and my mind through the anointed Jesus. I meditate and meditate on things which are good, pure, perfect, lovely, of good report and praise. I allow no corrupt communication proceed out of my mouth but that which is good to edifying that it may minister grace to the hearers. I grieve not the Holy Spirit of God in love and I grow up into the Lord Jesus Christ in all things. I let the peace of God rule in my heart and I refuse to worry about anything. I will not let the Word of God depart from before my eyes for it is life to me. I have found it and it is health and healing to all my flesh. (Phil 4:7-8, Eph 4:29-30, Col 3:15, Prov 4:21-22).

God is on my side. God is in me now. Who can be against me? He has given unto me all things that pertain unto life and godliness. Therefore I am a partaker of His divine nature. I am a believer and these signs do follow me. In the Name of Jesus I cast out demons, I speak with new tongues, I lay hands on the



sick and they do recover. Jesus gave me the authority to use His Name. Therefore, in the name of Jesus, I bind on earth those things that are already bound in heaven. I loose on earth those things that are already loosed in heaven. Living this way, I get to experience heaven on earth daily! Your will Father, shall be done, on earth, as it is in heaven, through me, for Your glory! (Rom 8:31, 2 Pet 1:3-4, Mark 16:17, Mat 18:18, Mat 6:10)

Thank you Father, be it unto me according to thy Word and my declaration in the Name of Jesus, Amen.