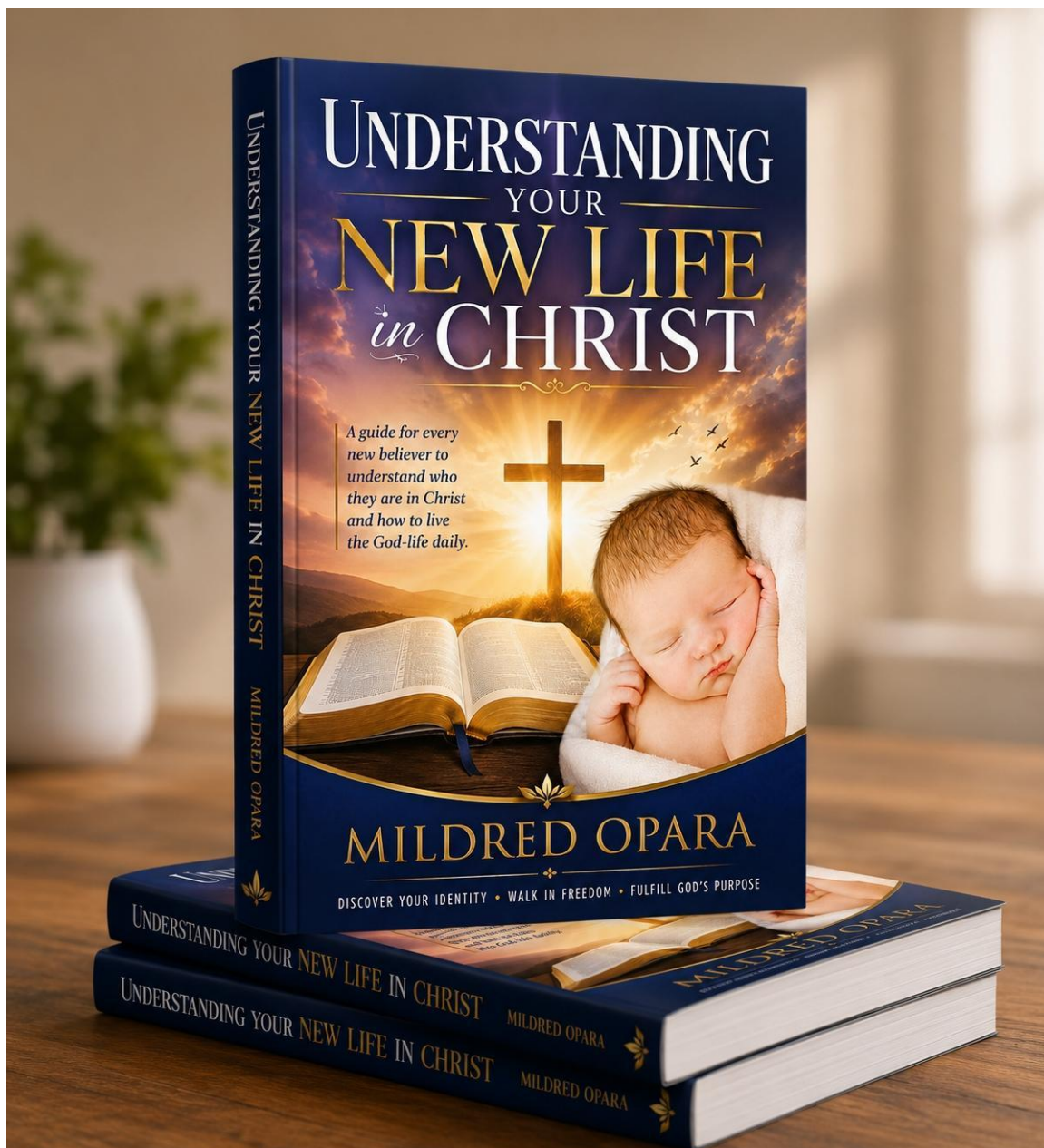




Understanding Your New Life in Christ

A Guide to Living the Christian Life for New
Believers

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to every new believer who has received Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and desires to grow in the knowledge of God.

May the truths contained in these pages establish you in your faith, strengthen your walk with Christ, and help you discover the wonderful realities of your new life in Him.

May you continually experience the love, grace, power, and presence of God as you grow into the fullness of His purpose for your life.

To God be all the glory.

— Mildred Opara

PREFACE

The decision to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour is the greatest decision anyone can ever make. At the moment of salvation, a miracle takes place. Your sins are forgiven, you become a child of God, and you receive eternal life.

However, many believers do not fully understand what happened to them when they were born again. As a result, they struggle to enjoy the benefits and blessings that belong to them in Christ.

This book was written to help you understand your new identity, your relationship with God, and the wonderful realities that have become yours through faith in Jesus Christ.

As you read, pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten the eyes of your understanding and establish you firmly in the truth of God's Word.

May this book strengthen your faith, deepen your fellowship with God, and empower you to live victoriously every day.

— Mildred Opara

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INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on your new birth when you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and personal Savior.

I want to share very vital truths that will help you build a strong and vibrant relationship with God, that will enable you live a successful Christian life. This book is to open your eyes and help you understand your relationship with Christ and enable you to live the God-life daily.

My earnest prayer for you is that the eyes of your understanding will be enlightened, and that your mind will be renewed so that you may know the good, acceptable and perfect will of God for you.

Welcome to a whole new world of possibilities.

CHAPTER 1

YOU ARE ONE WITH GOD BECAUSE YOU ARE BORN OF GOD, WHO IS SPIRIT

Jesus said, "...*that which is born of the Spirit is spirit*" (John 3:6).

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "*That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*"

All who were born after Adam's sin became subject to sin and its consequences—sickness and death. But when you become born again, you are created anew. You become a new creation of God, who is Spirit; therefore, you are spirit. Your origin is God. You are now restored to God's original purpose for man, who was created in His image and likeness. Remember that in Luke 3:38, the Bible refers to Adam as the son of God.

Man was made in God's image and likeness, but when Adam sinned, he became conscious of sin and fell short of God's glory. As a result, he was no longer conscious of God's manifest presence.

This made every person who came after Adam subject to sin, sickness, and death.

But thank God for Jesus, who came to restore man's relationship with God.

Through His death on the cross and His resurrection, He restores divine life to everyone who believes in Him.

Therefore, because you believe in Jesus, you are born again, and you now have a new life—the life of God. As you know, that life cannot be mortal but immortal.

You are spirit, and not merely flesh and blood. Through Christ, you have received eternal life from your Father.

John 1:12–13 says:

"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

During His ministry on earth, Jesus said to the woman at the well in Samaria:

"God is Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

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Since God is Spirit and you are born of God, you are spirit also.

Hebrews 12:9 refers to God as *"the Father of spirits."*

Therefore, you are one with God because, being born again—not of your earthly parents but of God—you have received His life.

"For He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love" (Ephesians 1:4).

The day you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, you were born again. You began an entirely new life. All the old things associated with your former condition came to an end.

You received a new life and a new beginning.

The Scriptures declare in 2 Corinthians 5:17:

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

This is true. Believe it and live as one who has been born anew.

What this means is that you were not repaired or refurbished. No! You were born anew—completely new.

When you became born again, you were no longer the old person you used to be.

You are born of God, and God is Spirit; therefore, you are spirit also. Just as a lion gives birth to a lion and a dog gives birth to a dog, like produces like.

When you are born of God, you become His child and partake of His divine nature.

This understanding will give you victory over the circumstances of life. Let this truth be settled in your heart, and you will fulfil God's will and purpose for your life.

You are to put on the new man that is created in the image of God.

"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Ephesians 4:24).

You must acknowledge that you are now a new creation and put on the new man. You have been made righteous in Christ and set apart unto God. Therefore, live with the consciousness of your new identity in Him.

Reflection Questions

- What does it mean to be born again?
- How does knowing that God is your Father affect your identity?
- What old beliefs about yourself must you let go of?
- How can you live daily with the consciousness that you are born of God?

Personal Confession

I am born of God, and I am a new creation in Christ Jesus. God is my Father, and His life is at work in me. Old things have passed away, and all things have become new. I walk daily in the reality of my new identity in Christ. Amen.

CHAPTER 2

YOU HAVE THE NATURE OF GOD

When you became born again, you received the nature of God into your spirit.

As you received Christ into your life, you received God's life and nature into your spirit. The real you that God originally created you to be came into reality. Consequently, you must see yourself as God sees you—His own child (John 1:12–13).

God can only give birth to a god.

So when you are born of God, you become His child and partake of His divine nature (2 Peter 1:4).

Jesus said in John 10:34, *"Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?"* quoting Psalm 82:6, which says, *"I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High."*

Therefore, being born of God, you are His child and a partaker of His divine nature. In this sense, the Scriptures refer to God's children as "gods" (small g), because they are born of Him and have received His life and nature.

Since God is Spirit and you are born of Him, you are spirit too. Therefore, you must see yourself as spiritual, not merely material or flesh and blood, because you are born of God and, as such, you are a partaker of His divine nature. Hallelujah!

God's nature is spiritual. His holiness and righteousness are imparted to your spirit when you receive Christ. The Bible declares in 1 John 5:11–12:

"...God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

You see, receiving Christ as your Lord gave you His life, and you became a partaker of His nature. God Himself is Life, so now that you are one with Him, that nature which makes Him God is now at work in you.

That is why you cannot be destroyed. Eternal life is your present reality; it is not something you attain only when you get to heaven. You have eternal life now!

1 Corinthians 6:17 says:

"But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."

Now that you know this, you must live with this consciousness so that you may enjoy your Kingdom benefits as God's child.

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Jesus is the Firstborn, and every person who believes in Jesus Christ is now an heir with Christ in God's Kingdom, where we belong.

God's nature is infinite goodness, holiness, righteousness, and perfection. God is so good that His goodness is unending.

You received that nature when you became born again. As His child, you are to manifest goodness in every way.

When people come into contact with you, they should see God's nature. The Bible says in 2 Peter 1:3:

“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”

Another word for virtue in this verse is goodness. You have been called to the nature of God, which is infinite goodness.

You manifest God's nature as you express goodness and excellence in all you do.

As God's child, you should not be known for doing wrong things or speaking wrongly. You are influenced by whatever you submit yourself to. Now that you are in Christ, only good things should proceed from you.

“...God is love...” according to the Apostle John in 1 John 4:8 and 16. He calls God Love, and that is God's nature. Therefore, you have been called to partake of that love nature of God. He also teaches by the Spirit that when you walk in love, you are living in God.

Love God with all your heart and love others. Jesus said, “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

All you need to do is become conscious of your new birth as a child of God and continue to live in that consciousness. As you do, your life will experience continual growth and progress every day.

Reflection Questions

- What does it mean to be a partaker of God's divine nature?
- Which characteristics of God should be evident in your daily life?
- How can you demonstrate God's love to others?
- How does the knowledge of eternal life affect your walk with God?

Personal Confession

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The life and nature of God are in me. I walk in love, righteousness, holiness, and goodness. I am a partaker of God's divine nature. The love of God is shed abroad in my heart, and I express His character everywhere I go. Amen.

CHAPTER 3

YOU ARE JUSTIFIED

Your faith in Christ Jesus justifies you, and you are declared "not guilty" by God. In Romans 5:1, it is written:

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Don't allow anyone or anything to make you feel or think otherwise. You have been made righteous and just. You are free from all forms of accusation. You are justified. Glory to God!

Living in the Reality of Your Justification

Being justified, do not allow anyone to tell you otherwise. God's verdict concerning you has already been settled through Christ.

The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:17:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Because you are in Christ, your past no longer defines you. No force from the pit of hell can stop God's purpose for your life. No ancestral power, curse, or negative influence can stand against the new life you have received in Christ.

Your life is now rooted in Christ. You have been translated from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of God's dear Son.

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You are not a repaired version of your old self. You were not refurbished or renovated. You were created anew in Christ Jesus. You are God's new creation, made righteous and accepted before Him.

Therefore, refuse every accusation of the enemy and stand boldly in the righteousness that Christ has given you.

Reflection Questions

- What does it mean to be justified by faith?
- Why should a believer reject guilt and condemnation?
- How does your new identity in Christ affect your view of your past?
- What Scriptures can strengthen your confidence in your justification?

Personal Confession

I am justified by faith in Jesus Christ. I have peace with God, and I stand righteous before Him. My past no longer defines me. I am a new creation in Christ Jesus. No accusation of the enemy can prevail against me because I am accepted in the Beloved. Amen.

CHAPTER 4

YOU ARE SANCTIFIED

As a new-born child of God, you are sanctified. The Lord Jesus, in His prayer in John 17:19, said, ***"And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth."***

You have been sanctified by Christ Jesus' sanctification. You don't have to keep praying to be sanctified. God has already sanctified you because you believe in Christ.

You are sanctified and perfected in Christ. Let this be settled in your heart.

Let's see what 1 Corinthians 6:11 says about sanctification: ***"And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."***

Again, in Hebrews 10:14, it is written: ***"For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."***

What this means is that you have been made holy and separated unto God. It is left for you to have this understanding of who you are and, in all you do, remain separated unto Him.

Now that you are born of God, you are sanctified. So remain sanctified and strive to remain where God has placed you by renewing your mind daily through the study of the Word of God and prayer. Don't allow wrong things into your life. Stay close to God and be more Christ-conscious in all you do.

Reflection Questions

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- What does sanctification mean?
- How has Christ sanctified you?
- Why is it important to renew your mind with God's Word?
- How can you live a life that honours God?

Personal Confession

I am sanctified through Christ Jesus. I am set apart for God's purpose and glory. I walk in holiness and obedience to God's Word. Through the Holy Spirit, I grow daily in the knowledge and character of Christ. Amen.

CHAPTER 5

YOU ARE DELIVERED

Your new birth in Christ has granted you deliverance. You don't need to go from one place to another looking for deliverance. Christ has paid all that is required.

Galatians 5:1

“Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.”

The Scriptures declare that you are free. So don't get entangled with any yoke of bondage by listening to lies.

You received deliverance when you received Christ. So what you need is to stick to God's Word and understand what God has done for you in Christ.

Become conscious of it. Meditate on this truth and pray with the consciousness of who you are in Christ. Renew your mind, stand guard over your mind, and don't allow the wrong things into your mind.

What you need is the Word of God in your spirit. As you study and understand God's Word, it will remove anything that is not of God as His Spirit works in you.

Colossians 1:12–14

“...giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the

kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

The believer in Christ has been delivered from the kingdom of darkness into the marvellous Kingdom of God through Christ’s death and resurrection. You are free to live life to the fullest.

Stand Firm in Your Freedom

Galatians 5:1 says:

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage."

As a believer in Christ, you have already been delivered. Therefore, do not spend your life searching for deliverance by running from one place to another. Christ has accomplished your deliverance through His death and resurrection.

What you need is to learn the foundational truths of God's Word and live by them daily. As you grow in the knowledge of Christ, you become established in the freedom He has already provided for you.

Do not be carried away by every wind of doctrine or every teaching that comes your way. Instead, devote yourself to the study of God's Word, prayer, and fellowship with mature, like-minded believers.

As you continue in these things, you will grow in faith, become firmly grounded in the love of Christ, and walk in the liberty that belongs to every child of God.

Remember, your freedom is not something you are trying to obtain—it is something Christ has already given to you. Your responsibility is to stand firm in it.

Reflection Questions

- What has Christ delivered you from?
- Why is it important to stand firm in your freedom?
- How can you avoid being carried away by false teachings?
- What practical steps can help you grow in your faith?

Personal Confession

Christ has delivered me from the power of darkness and translated me into His Kingdom. I walk in the liberty Christ has given me. I am free from fear, bondage, and oppression. I stand firm in God's truth and refuse to be entangled again with any yoke of bondage. Amen.

CHAPTER 6

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE TEMPTED

That you are born again does not prevent you from being tempted. But God has said He will make a way of escape for you in every temptation.

James 4:7

“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

Humility will enable you to overcome the devil. Now that you are born of God, completely surrender to God. Know that He is the center and circumference of your life. When you have this understanding, you become empowered in your spirit, and you are able to overcome temptation.

Speak the Word of God, and the devil cannot stand against you but will flee.

Even as you humble yourself before God, some of your old friends will want to talk you out of the faith, but the Word of God in you will strengthen you to resist them.

As you depend on God and take His Word daily into your spirit, you will overcome all temptations.

Reflection Questions

- Why do believers still face temptation?
- What does it mean to submit to God?
- How can God's Word help you overcome temptation?
- What practical steps can you take when you are tempted?

Personal Confession

I submit myself to God and resist the devil. God's Word dwells richly in me and gives me victory over temptation. I am strengthened by the Holy Spirit and empowered to live a victorious Christian life. Amen.

CHAPTER 7

THE LANGUAGE OF THE BELIEVER

The believer in Christ has a new kind of language, a spiritual language that is available only to those who belong to the Kingdom of God.

The Lord Jesus, after His resurrection and before His Ascension, told His disciples to wait until they were endued with power. He also said in Mark's Gospel, chapter 16:17:

NLT:

"These signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak new languages."

Take note of the underlined part of the verse above. There is a language that every believer should desire to speak. It is a gift to the Church. Because you have received Christ Jesus into your life and are born again, you can speak in new tongues.

This language is so important that the Apostle Paul asked some believers he met during one of his missionary journeys whether they had received the Holy Spirit.

When they said they had never heard about the Holy Spirit, he laid hands on them to receive the Holy Spirit, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke with new tongues (see Acts 19:1–7).

Speaking in other tongues is a special gift that empowers the believer to do the impossible.

There are times when you pray with understanding, but you become tired and do not know what else to pray about. However, when you speak in other tongues, it is your spirit that prays by the help of the Holy Spirit who is in you.

Remember, you have become one spirit with God (1 Corinthians 6:17).

Your spirit is joined together as one with the Holy Spirit within you, so when you pray in tongues, it is the Holy Spirit praying through you.

You are strengthened to pray more because it is not merely you praying but the Holy Spirit helping you.

Why Pray in Other Tongues?

The importance of praying in other tongues cannot be overemphasized. There are numerous benefits to speaking in other tongues, but for the sake of time and space, I will mention a few.

- **When You Pray in Tongues, You Edify Yourself**

Let's see what the Scriptures say about this in 1 Corinthians 14:4.

NLT:

"A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally in the Lord, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire church."

Speaking in other tongues edifies you. According to the NLT, this means you are strengthened. When you speak in other tongues, you are strengthened in the Lord. This also means you are energized in your spirit.

This simply implies that your spirit is strengthened each time you speak in other tongues.

What this also means is that the longer you speak in other tongues, the more strengthened you become in your spirit. The reason is that the Holy Spirit prays for you even when you do not know what to pray for (see Romans 8:26).

It is only the spirit of a man that knows his thoughts, and because you are one spirit with God, He knows every one of your heart's desires and prays for you in line with those desires as you speak in other tongues.

1 Corinthians 2:11 says:

"For what man knows the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knows no man, but the Spirit of God."

- **Rids Your Body of Diseases**

One very important reason you should speak in other tongues is that it helps keep your body free from diseases and infirmities.

I said earlier that when you pray in other tongues, it is your spirit that prays. Not only does your spirit pray, but the Holy Spirit, in collaboration with your own spirit, prays. This strengthens your spirit so greatly that, together with the Holy Spirit, your body is subjected to the God-life within your spirit.

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Your body can no longer complain of illness because it is completely overwhelmed by God's Spirit, who has taken total control of your being.

I believe you know by now that your body is like your physical house. It is governed by God. As such, it is subject to God. However, when you do not know the reality of your origin, you subject yourself to the desires of the body.

The real you is your spirit, which is in harmony with God's Spirit. So when you pray in other tongues, your spirit is strengthened through its unity with the Holy Spirit, and your body conforms to what your spirit declares.

I have personally experienced this in my own body.

I have personally experienced this in my own body.

I once had a recurring fever that kept coming back. I dedicated a day to praying fervently in other tongues while meditating on God's Word. After that time of prayer, the fever disappeared, and I have

- **You Become Invincible**

One very important benefit of praying in other tongues is that it makes you too powerful to be defeated by the forces of darkness. It strengthens you so much that you become indestructible.

Your spirit, being alert through the help of the Holy Spirit, becomes so powerful that no devil hatched out of hell is able to affect or kill you. You will be able to defeat whatever is not of God.

- **You Become a Distributor of Life**

As I said earlier, speaking in tongues strengthens your spirit so much that it permeates your hands, eyes, head, feet, and every part of your body, enabling you to cast out demons and heal the sick.

You become a distributor of life, and your body is made alive through constant praying in tongues, as it activates the power of God within you, making it impossible for sickness to remain in your body. Speaking in other tongues dispels diseases and keeps you healthy always.

What every Christian needs is to understand the importance of praying in tongues for long hours and to make it a daily practice. This helps build you spiritually and enables you to generate the power of God within you for great acts.

Reflection Questions

- What role does the Holy Spirit play in the believer's life?

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- How does praying in tongues strengthen a believer?
- Why is spiritual edification important?
- How can you develop a consistent prayer life?

Personal Confession

The Holy Spirit lives in me and empowers me daily. As I pray and fellowship with God, I am strengthened in my spirit. I grow in grace, wisdom, and spiritual understanding. My prayer life is effective and fruitful. Amen.

CHAPTER 8

FOLLOWING JESUS IN DISCIPLESHIP

As a believer, it is important to follow Jesus as He leads you. You are accountable to Him, and He is interested in every detail of your life. The Holy Spirit is now your Helper; therefore, you must rely on Him completely. A genuine Christian is a disciple, and a disciple is a follower of Christ. You must yield yourself to Him and allow Him to lead you daily.

When the Holy Spirit teaches and leads you directly, you become a true disciple of the Lord Jesus.

Disciples are disciplined people who are separated unto God. They depend on God in every area of their lives.

As a disciple, your primary focus should be to yield your life to Jesus, seek Him daily, and follow His will rather than continually seeking miracles and material blessings.

God desires intimate fellowship with you and wants you to live a life that pleases Him.

The Lord Jesus said in Matthew 16:24:

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Also read the scripture verse below.

Matthew 11:28 -29 *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

John 12:26 *"If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour."*

Matthew 10:38 *"And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me."*

Luke 14:27 *"And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple."*

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When you study these passages carefully, you will discover that Christianity is fundamentally about following Christ. Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus continually taught about discipleship. It is, therefore, important to take His teachings seriously.

Many of the challenges in the Body of Christ today stem from neglecting Christ's call to discipleship and self-denial.

It is often said that to be a good leader, you must first be a good follower.

We can effectively lead others and teach them to follow Christ only after we have learned to follow and obey Him ourselves.

There is no shortcut to becoming a disciple. It requires humility, surrender, obedience, and a daily commitment to follow the Lord Jesus wherever He leads.

When you spend time in God's presence and allow the Holy Spirit to teach you, He reveals God's will for your life. During such times, your focus should not merely be on asking for blessings but on seeking to know Him more deeply and understand His purpose for your life.

As you consistently fellowship with Him, He will not only reveal His will to you but also guide you step by step until His purpose is fulfilled in your life.

HOW TO BEGIN A DISCIPLESHIP WALK WITH JESUS

1. Choose a Covenant Time

Set apart a specific time each day for fellowship with the Lord. Choose a time that is convenient and dedicate it to seeking God. During this time, study His Word and read books that will help your spiritual growth.

2. Come Before Him Daily

Be consistent in meeting with God at your chosen time. Seek His face, study His Word, and desire to know Him and His will for your life.

It is important to eliminate distractions during this period. If your chosen time becomes inconvenient, adjust it, but remain faithful to your commitment.

As you consistently spend time with God, He will begin to reveal Himself to you through His Word, through spiritual understanding, and by the witness of His Spirit within you.

Keeping your covenant time with God helps develop spiritual discipline and continuous fellowship with Him, just as we see in the lives of Daniel, Abraham, and other servants of God in Scripture.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR DISCIPLESHIP

1. *Introduction to Holy Ghost School – Lafamcal*
2. *Whose image are you? – Lafamcal*
3. *Becoming Like Christ – Gbile Akani*
4. *I Dared to Call Him Father – Bilquis Sheikh*
5. *The God Chasers – Tommy Tenney*
6. *The Normal Christian Life – Watchman Nee*
7. *Let God Guide You Daily – Wesley L. Duewel*
8. *A Passion for God's Presence – Wayne Jacobsen*
9. *The Overcoming Life – Watchman Nee*
10. *Spiritual Knowledge – Watchman Nee*
11. *The Practice of His Presence – Brother Lawrence*

These are only a few discipleship books you can begin with.

As you diligently follow this path, you will grow in your relationship with God, hear His voice more clearly, walk in greater spiritual understanding, and experience His power working in your life.

Reflection Questions

- Am I intentionally following Jesus daily?
- Do I have a consistent time of fellowship with God?
- What distractions hinder my growth as a disciple?
- How can I become more obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit?

Personal Confession

I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I follow Him daily and yield myself to His leadership. The Holy Spirit teaches me, guides me, and reveals God's will to me. I walk in obedience, humility, and fellowship with God. My life continually reflects the character of Christ. Amen.

CHAPTER 9

YOU HAVE A MINISTRY

Being born again, you have received a ministry from the Lord Jesus that you must fulfil. It is called the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18–19).

Everyone who believes in the finished work of Christ has been commissioned to take the Gospel to the world.

In Matthew 28:18–20, the Lord Jesus instructed His followers to go and make disciples of all nations.

St. Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

This command is for every believer, not just pastors, evangelists, or church leaders. Every Christian has a responsibility to share the message of salvation with others.

It is important to keep this mandate before you and consciously seek opportunities to reach others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our Lord Jesus also instructed us in Matthew 6:33:

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

As believers, God's kingdom must remain our highest priority.

No matter what your personal goals or ambitions may be, never lose sight of God's purpose for your life. As you seek first His kingdom and participate in His work of reconciling people to Himself, you will discover true fulfilment.

The Psalmist wrote:

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"Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

(Psalm 127:1)

Therefore, take your ministry seriously. Just as God showed you mercy and drew you to Himself, He now desires to use you to bring others into His kingdom.

Every believer has a sphere of influence. Your family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, and community are all part of your mission field.

Allow God to use you as an instrument of reconciliation, hope, and salvation.

Reflection Questions

- Do I see myself as a minister of reconciliation?
- Who can I intentionally share the Gospel with this week?
- Am I seeking God's kingdom first in my daily life?
- How can I become more effective in reaching others for Christ?

Personal Confession

I am a minister of reconciliation. God has entrusted me with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I boldly share His love and truth with others. I seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Through me, many will come to know Christ. Amen.

CHAPTER 10

ALL THINGS ARE YOURS

1 Corinthians 3:21–23

"Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours... And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's." (KJV) Christianity is a call to live the God-life. It is a life of grace, and grace means receiving what God has freely provided through Christ."

When you understand your relationship with God and walk in the consciousness of who you are in Christ, you will live with confidence, purpose, and victory.

The Lord knows everything about your life. He knows how to guide, protect, and provide for His children.

One of the greatest challenges among believers today is inconsistency in their walk with God. However, when you allow God to lead you daily, He guides you through every circumstance and causes you to emerge victorious.

God's promise to Abraham reveals His desire to bless His people.

Genesis 12:1–3 says:

"Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

The Scriptures further declare in Galatians 3:29:

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"And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

As a believer, you belong to Christ. Therefore, you are an heir according to God's promise.

All things are yours because you belong to Jesus Christ.

Your responsibility is to follow Him faithfully wherever He leads you. He is the Good Shepherd who leads His sheep into green pastures and beside still waters.

As you trust Him and walk in obedience, you can rest in His care, provision, and guidance.

Reflection Questions

- Am I walking daily in the consciousness of God's provision?
- Do I trust God's leading even during difficult seasons?
- What areas of my life do I need to surrender completely to God?
- How can I grow in faith and dependence upon Him?

Personal Confession

I belong to Jesus Christ. I am an heir according to God's promise. My Father supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory. I trust His guidance and follow Him faithfully. He leads me in victory, provision, peace, and purpose. Amen.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, you must acknowledge all that you have received in Christ. The acknowledging—through knowledge, understanding, and spiritual consciousness—of the new life to which you have been called will make your faith effective.

Philemon 1:6 says:

"The communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus."

To acknowledge what you have received in Christ is to become conscious of all that He has done for you.

It is to live with an awareness of God's presence, His love, His power, and your identity as His child.

You are God's workmanship, His divine idea, His beloved child.

As the reality of who you are in Christ becomes established in your heart, you will naturally live the God-life that He has called you to.

May your understanding continue to grow, your faith become stronger, and your walk with God become deeper every day.

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