

# **LIFT OUR EYES!**

**Word of Year: Every Year Since 2013!**

**-One personal and one for the church.**

**-Personal: LID**

**-CHURCH: LIFT**

**LIFT: To take hold of and raise something in order to remove, carry, or move it to a different position.**

**I HAVE GREAT FAITH DREAMS FOR 2026!!!!**

**Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,<sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.**

**Kick off 2026 by going to Flight SCHOOL**

**-Do you ever get on an airline flight and wonder “HOW DOES THIS WORK???”**

**-I know and I still am in awe!!**

**In 1738 Swiss scientist Daniel Bernoulli came up with a theory detailing the relationship between fluid speed and pressure.**

**-it’s called the “Bernoulli principal”**

On December 17, 1903 Orville & Wilbur Wright had the first powered, controlled, heavier-than-air flight

**-Look where it has taken us today! FASTEST:** Mach 3.3 (2,200 mph)

The diagram shows the lift equation:  $L_{\text{ift}} = C_L \times \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 s$ . Each variable is connected to a label by a colored line:  $C_L$  is linked to 'Angle of Attack' (red),  $\rho$  is linked to 'density' (green),  $v^2$  is linked to 'speed' (red), and  $s$  is linked to 'wing surface area' (blue). The term  $\frac{1}{2} \rho$  is enclosed in a green box, and 'wing shape' (purple) is linked to  $C_L$ .

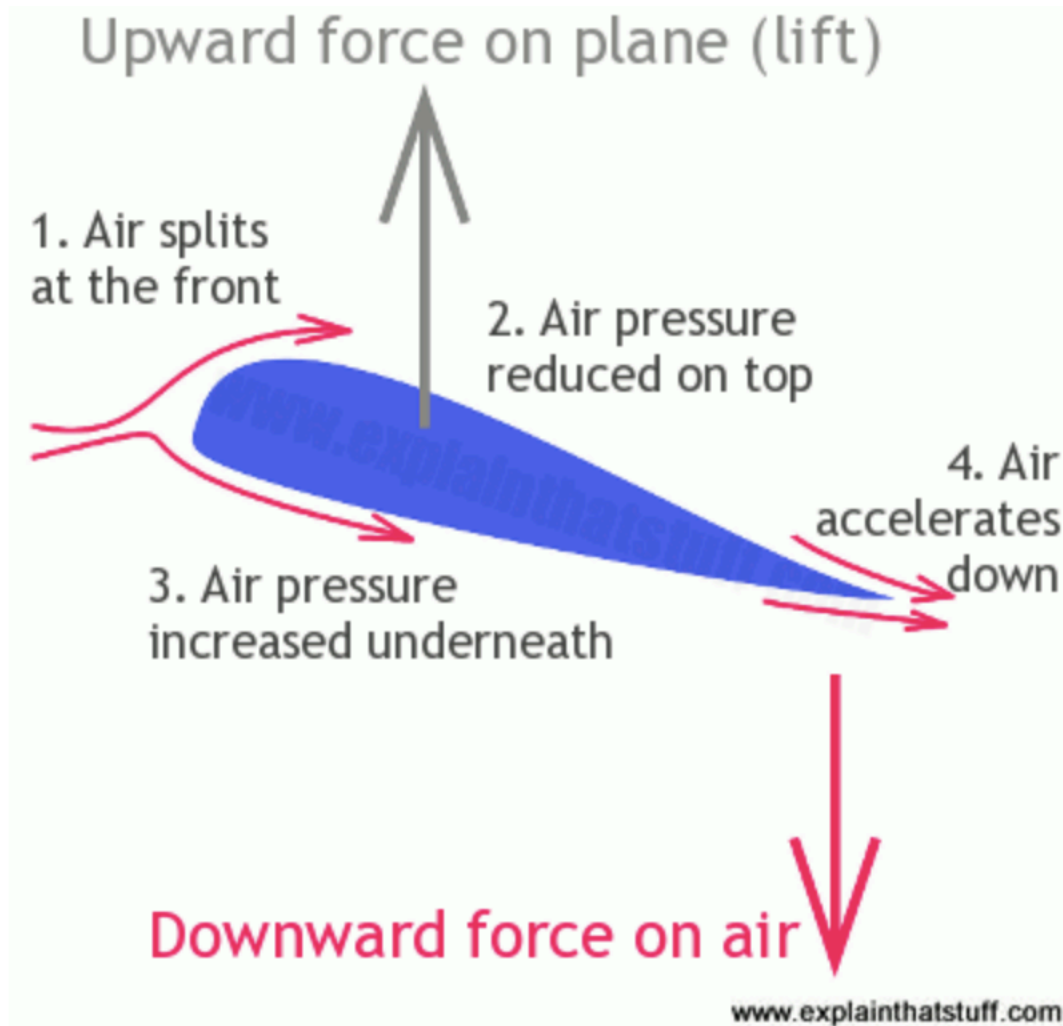
**CL:** Coefficient of Lift (a number representing how effectively the wing shape and angle create lift).

-It changes with the wing's shape (camber) and its angle relative to the airflow (angle of attack).

**Speed is Key:** Doubling your speed quadruples your lift (because of  $V^2$ ).

**S:** Wing Surface Area (larger wings produce more lift).

Simple definition: Lift is the upward force on an object moving through air, created because air pressure is lower above it and higher below it, allowing it to rise or stay in the air.



**SO: FOR LIFT TO HAPPEN.....THERE HAS TO BE FORWARD MOVEMENT!**

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**SUPER NATURAL!**

**Isaiah 40:31** Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not become weary, they will walk and not faint.

TODAY: LIFT OUR EYES!

We live so much in the NOW.....DAY TO DAY NEEDS.....AND PROBLEMS!

**Matthew 6:33-34** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

JESUS SAYS: Abide in Me! Stay connected!

-Seek Me! Bring Me your needs! TRUST ME!

“Don’t worry about tomorrow.....each day has enough TROUBLE of it’s own”

-FEELS Like we are FIRE FIGHTERS

.....Putting out a NEW fire or problem each day!

-He’s not telling us to ignore our problems.....

-Just to trust Him and look at the Big picture!

**Philippians 4:6-7** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

SO WE ARE TO KEEP IN A POSTURE OF DAILY DEPENDANCE.....

**-BUT ALSO TO KEEP OUR EYES LOOKING FORWARD!**

Text today:

**Colossians 1:9-12** For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, <sup>10</sup> so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup> and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

### **5 THINGS I SEE IN THIS SCRITURE**

**-FILL YOU WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL!**

**-BEAR GOOD FRUIT IN EVERY GOOD WORK!**

**-GROW IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD!**

**-HAVE GREAT ENDURANCE AND PATIENCE!**

**-SHARE IN THE INHERITANCE OF HIS HOLY PEOPLE!**  
(Kingdom of God)

Pray this for your life, your wife, your kids, your loved ones!

- 1) Fill you with the knowledge of HIS WILL.  
(GREAT TO KNOW...GAME CHANGER)

SHOULD I???? different job, house, vehicle,  
BOAT..."Bust out another thousand"

-I have honestly made some mistakes.....AND PAID FOR IT!

-most of the time....my impatience, and desires! I WANT IT!

Jesus powerful example “Not my will.....but yours be done”

**Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup>in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.**

FOR OUR KIDS: Where to go to college, where to work and live,  
WHO to marry!

ALSO: CATCH THIS UNDERSTANDING OF GOD’S WILL!

**2 Peter 3:9 He isn’t really being slow about his promised return, even though it sometimes seems that way. But he is waiting, for the good reason that he is not willing that any should perish, and he is giving more time for sinners to repent.**

-HIS will is that NONE would perish.....But ALL would put their trust in Jesus!

-We ALL have a mission!

-PRAY FOR PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE TO FIND JESUS!

-Auditorium- Scriptures and Names under the carpet!

2) Bear GOOD fruit in every work.

-LIVE A LIFE THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

**John 15:4-5 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup>“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.**

-As we stay CLOSE to JESUS.....We WILL bear much fruit!

-PRAY FOR ALL OF US TO BE “SALTY”...some already are!  
(Salt & Light)

**Matthew 5:13-16 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.**

-Keep going back to a KINGDOM MINDSET!

-PRAYER-Lord use me to make an eternal impact on other people’s lives!

-Even Use my life experience and my pain....to impact on others!

-PRAY FOR A LIFE OF IMPACT!

3) Grow in the KNOWLEDGE of God.

**Proverbs 2:1-5 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.**

Accept my words.....store up commands.....listen to wisdom....apply to your heart....

Seek and search out insight and ask for understanding....

THEN-YOU WILL FIND THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD!

**Jeremiah 9:23-24** This is what the Lord says: “Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches,<sup>24</sup> but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the Lord.

WE SEEK HIM! WE GET A KINGDOM MINDSET

-PRAY FORWARD for more of Knowledge and understanding of God!

4) Have great ENDURANCE and PATIENCE.

**Philippians 3:12-14** Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,<sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

PRAY THAT WE MAY RUN THE RACE WELL!

**Romans 12:11-12** Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.<sup>12</sup> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Fervor: Intense and passionate feeling!

PRAY THAT WE KEEP OUR SPIRITUAL PASSION!

SUM UP SO FAR:



- Know HIS will
- Make a difference
- Chase after God
- Keep your passion

LASTLY TODAY:

5) Share in the inheritance. (Cross the finish line) FINISH STRONG!

**2 Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.**

-Crown of RIGHTEOUSNESS (Right Standing with God)

MY ULTIMATE PURPOSE:

I WANT TO GET TO HEAVEN AND TAKE AS MANY PEOPLE WITH ME AS POSSIBLE!

KINGDOM MINDSET: WHY WE EXIST.....THE “WHY” BEHIND THE “WHAT”

SO TODAY: WHAT DO YOU NEED GOD TO DO IN 2026??

-Write it down! QUANTIFY IT!

**Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And**

**the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

RESPONSE: QUANTIFY IT AND TURN IT OVER TO GOD!

**Psalm 121:1-8**

**I lift up my eyes to the mountains—  
where does my help come from?  
<sup>2</sup>My help comes from the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.  
<sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot slip—  
he who watches over you will not slumber;  
<sup>4</sup>indeed, he who watches over Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.  
<sup>5</sup>The Lord watches over you—  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;  
<sup>6</sup>the sun will not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
<sup>7</sup>The Lord will keep you from all harm—  
he will watch over your life;  
<sup>8</sup>the Lord will watch over your coming and going  
both now and forevermore.**

**Ephesians 3:14-21 <sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.**

**<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.**