

Thriving in Jesus as Savior AND Jesus as Lord

As you've been reading this series, I have three questions for you to think about and pray on.

1. What is next in your life? Will you give your Savior Jesus the Lordship in your life? When we don't learn through others' testimonies and mistakes we often must learn from our own mistakes and experiences, and that makes our lives harder. It delays the goodness that God has planned for us. Throughout history, we have examples of good successes and of failures to learn from. I pray you will take heed to these Daily Dose of Power writings. There is a plethora of wisdom and experience through these. A contrite heart which has been through tough times is one who is grateful and is humble in learning and growing.

**Psalms 51:16-17 (MSG) "Going through the motions doesn't please you, a flawless performance is nothing to you. I learned God-worship when my pride was shattered. Heart-shattered lives ready for love don't for a moment escape God's notice."**

**Psalm 86: 11 "Teach me your ways, O LORD, that I may live according to your truth! Grant me purity of heart, so that I may honor you."**

2. What is the calling and the gifting, or something that is planned specifically for you in your life that will fulfill you and cause your happiness? **Romans 11:29 (KJV) "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance."** Those talents and gifts that were placed in you when you were being formed in your mother's womb are the things that the creator won't repent from planning for you. Are you made for a specific purpose and assignment, are you supposed to know before you take action, or can you move forward and trust that God will cause you to go the right direction?

**Psalm 139:13-17 (AMPC) "For You did form my inward parts; You did knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I will confess *and* praise You for *You are fearful and wonderful and for the awful wonder of my birth! Wonderful are Your works, and that my inner self knows right well.* <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from You when I was being formed in secret [and] intricately *and* curiously wrought [as if embroidered with various colors] in the depths of the earth [a region of darkness and mystery]. <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book all the days [of my life] were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them. <sup>17</sup> How precious *and* weighty also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!"**

3. Will you have to "trial and error" your way through? No - Jesus has made provision for you to know each day what step to take, and to be secure in your decisions. If you choose to walk in His ways, you will be secure and you will have peace.

**John 14:26 (AMPC) "But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things."**

God your Father is for you, but you have to learn how to hear His guidance. You are responsible for the outcomes of your decisions.

**Lamentations 3:22-23 (AMPC) <sup>22</sup> It is because of the Lord's mercy *and* loving-kindness that we are not consumed, because His [tender] compassions fail not. <sup>23</sup> They are new every morning; great *and* abundant is Your stability *and* faithfulness.**

**Romans 12:1-2 (TPT) “Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God’s marvelous mercies? To surrender yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship. Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God’s will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.”**

I will absolutely assure you that if you keep growing your faith, maturing in your spirit, and submitting your life to the Lord as your LORD while securing yourself in Him as your Savior, you will be victorious! Do not give up, and do not quit, regardless of what you may face! If Daniel can come out of the Lion’s Den, and Shadrack, Meshak and Abednego can come through the fiery furnace without even smelling like smoke, then you, with the indwelling Holy Spirit guiding you and leading you, can make it through the trials of this world with overcoming power!

**Philippians 4:13 (AMPC) “I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who [ a]infuses inner strength into me; I am [ b]self-sufficient in Christ’s sufficiency].”**

**Philippians 4:12-13 (TPT) “I know what it means to lack, and I know what it means to experience overwhelming abundance. For I’m trained in the secret of overcoming all things, whether in fullness or in hunger. And I find that the strength of Christ’s explosive power infuses me to conquer every difficulty.”**

**Psalms 37:3-5 (AMPC) “Trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) in the Lord and do good; so shall you dwell in the land and feed surely on His faithfulness, and truly you shall be fed. Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires and secret petitions of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord [roll and repose each care of your load on Him]; trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) also in Him and He will bring it to pass.”**

You are HIS! You are sufficient and seated in Christ’s sufficiency! Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires and secret petitions of your heart, as long as they are holy and lined up with His ultimately good plan for you. Commit your way to the Lord [roll and repose each care of your load on Him]; trust (lean on, rely on, cling to and be confident) in Him and He will bring it to pass.

I call you BLESSED!

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