

Jesus has a plan for your life that will fit you perfectly

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DEVELOPING A SPIRITUAL STRATEGY

What Should Your Life's Goal Be?

Welcome To
The Victorious Christian Living
Spiritual Growth Program

This begins the very dynamic and exciting daily Bible study for you to let Jesus move you forward in your Christian experience and success in life. You are about to begin The Strategy Studies where Jesus will help you plan your future. He will help you set goals that will make life here on earth extremely exciting. And, He will help you set up a strategy that will help you live life here in such a way that it will count for eternity.

Welcome To
The "Strategy" Studies And Prayers

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Life Without Strategy

What if you just get in your car and drive? What if you get in a sail boat and just let the wind take you wherever it blows? Things may go fine for a while; but, sooner or later you will need to decide where you want to go. As you look over your life, why are you working where you are working? Who is causing you to do what you do most of your day? Are you living the life you have always wanted to live? When you move into eternity, will you have lived in such a way that your life here counted for laying up treasure in heaven?

Life With Eternal Value

Mat 6:19-21 (NIV) Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <u>But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven</u>, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <u>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also</u>.

How would you start making investments in eternity? What would it take to so structure your life where you and Jesus got it on a path to great success here that was a continuous investment in your eternal life with Him? As you look at Matthew 6:19-21 above, you can see that Jesus had a strategy in mind that isn't always obvious to us humans. It would be easy to assume that it might be too difficult and inconvenient for you to accept at this stage of your life. But, Jesus never lays heavy burdens on people's lives; He actually removes them.

Life With Jesus

Mat 11:28-30 (NIV) Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and <u>I will give you rest</u>. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and <u>you will find rest for your souls</u>. <u>For My yoke is easy and My burden is light</u>.

Laying Out A Life-Plan

Starting Your Life Of Victory

You and Jesus will be looking at three life-issues. The first issue is, **Starting Your Life Of Victory.** Jesus wants the first thing you do is--plan on winning. You may assume that, that is everyone's goal, but it isn't. If you set out on a path that may meet some of your goals but it's not The Victorious Christian Life goal, then you may reach that partial goal while losing everything else. Have you ever experienced that? Have you ever gone after something or someone thinking that it was going to make you happy and it didn't?

Understanding Your Life Of Victory

In the second issue, **Understanding Your Life Of Victory,** Jesus will give you a bird's eye view of what a life of success and victory looks like. If you think you know how to make yourself happy and you are wrong, then it is possible for you to be disappointed *at the end of your pursuit.* Jesus knows how to help you see what life is all about. He can show you why some things work and some things don't. He can show you why God labelled some things sins and other things righteousness.

Living The Life Of Victory

In the third issue, **Living The Life Of Victory,** it is assumed that Jesus has been successful in helping you see that He has a way of life that is awesome. The hope is that you see Jesus' strategy for your life and you want to join Him in putting it together. At this point, Jesus will take all those things He has shown you and get you started heading in that direction. He will lay out actual strategies, plans, and goals for you to accept for your life here on earth and for investing in your eternal life.

Looking At Jesus' Strategy

Starting Your Life Of Victory

If you aren't aware of there being a spirit realm, then you see good and bad things happening to you randomly. You may be living a life of hoping that everything goes well. If you can't see how to bring control over your circumstances, then you have your fingers crossed, hoping that this time you get a break. If some of your life is lived like there isn't a supernatural, loving, relational God in heaven, then you are responsible for just doing your best to win at life.

Are You Aware Of This?

2 Cor 10:3-4 (NIV) For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. Why are you to put on the full armor of God according to Ephesians 6:10-17? Why is the Bible talking about weapons and says things like: **Eph 6:12 (NIV) "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."**?

Most people have no idea what the spirit realm is all about. We have all had bad, depressing, frustrating, and defeated thoughts and feelings come into our mind and our heart. If you accept these thoughts and feelings as being from you, you will have a difficult time getting out of bed in the morning. Jesus and the Bible are going to help you understand that these ideas and emotions originate from Satan. When you grow in identifying the thoughts that come from Satan, you will resist them and keep them from becoming yours.

Understanding Your Life Of Victory

It's true that you have had to spend a lot of time, effort, and money getting where you are as a human. But, when you die, it will all dissipate and come to an end. Those things you work with Jesus on will never end. Plus, if you let Jesus help you understand His life principles, you can take a lot of what you do here and *transfer* them into eternity. As Jesus changes your motives for why you do what you do, much of what you do will be invested as treasures for your eternity with Him.

Keep in mind that the earth and your life on it was designed by Jesus to represent the spirit realm. When Jesus told people parables, He was using human and earthly events and situations to illustrate God's Kingdom and how to get there. Most of everything you have, are, and will experience are life-classes that have been training you for being a child of God. A part of Jesus' training will be to help you take advantage of all these life-classes. Realizing this, will enhance your understanding and life-performance in a great and wonderful way.

Living Your Life Of Victory

Just like there are negative things you want Jesus to deliver you from, such as your struggles with life, there are also negative experiences and circumstances that you want Jesus to set you free from as well. However, God doesn't just want to deliver you from life issues or these negative experiences and circumstances, He wants to replace them with positive, powerful, and wonderful things. **John 10:10 (NIV) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full (abundance).**

Jesus isn't going to take you through **Living Victoriously** just so you can win over all the painful, harmful, and negative things in your life. He is mostly going to get your life filled with positive, happy, and joyous things that crowd out the painful, harmful, and negative things. In this study and prayer time, Jesus will be working on your schedule, helping you to set superior goals, and helping you lay out strategies that will help you put a plan together. They will direct you into reaching some of the most incredible goals you have ever seen.

Starting Your Life Of Victory
The Truth Pages Chapter One

I've Got The Power!

Power Under God's Control

How do you live victoriously over the problems of life? The answer is, to have the necessary power. If you have enough power, you will be able to defeat the problems that come your way. The next question is, how do you get the necessary power to live victoriously? The answer to this question isn't quite as simple. Let Jesus and the Bible give you an example out of the New Testament.

Acts 2:44-45 (NIV) All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. All this money was being given to the Apostles; they were being trusted to properly distribute it with honesty and integrity.

Character Before Power

Who Can Be Trusted?

A lot of people and even some nations have tried to follow this idea of socialism. Wouldn't it be great if we could all pool our resources and live together in harmony and love? Everyone would be blessed, no poor people, no one having everything while others starved. This actually happened with the Christians in the New Testament. But, it was *only* possible because of what Jesus did in the hearts and lives of His disciples. If their character and attitudes hadn't been changed by Jesus, they would have misused all that money, resources, and power.

How Can You Be Trusted?

Why can't we live like they did in Acts 2:44-45? Because we have spiritual problems! Just imagine what would happen in a financial system like that if someone was dishonest? What if the leaders holding the money, weren't trustworthy? Jesus has to make our life strategy right, good, and righteous. Once they are in place, then you and other people can be trusted with money, possessions, positions, popularity, prestige, power, pleasure, and accomplishments.

The Power To Be Honest

The First Aspect Of Power

Acts 4:34-35 (NIV) There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. These people had just spent three years under Jesus' training, ministry, and leadership. They allowed Jesus to get them ready for this kind of life.

Jesus Must Do His Work In You
What if those Apostles weren't spiritually capable of handling all that money; or, what if some people lied about having needs that they really didn't have? Just a little bit of dishonesty in the group would ruin everything in a financial system like that. So, the strategy that works is to put the priority on our character and attitudes.

Spiritual Growth
What would it take to make a system like that work...spiritual growth! That is the same issue with power. If God gave you uncontrolled power and you weren't honest or trustworthy to control that power, you would *use* it to hurt God's work, yourself, and others. So, even though the answer to all your problems is power, and even though you now have been empowered to live victoriously, it will only flow through you as you grow spiritually. The power you received through salvation and justification *is Jesus*! He won't let His power and blessings flow in and through you without spiritual growth.

Jesus Has The Power I Need
What is spiritual growth? It's a way of living that changes your philosophies of life. And that changes your relationship with God, yourself, and other people. It heals your emotions, your finances, your physical body, and your whole approach to evaluating the world around you.
The *main* aspect of spiritual growth has to do with how you treat yourself, other people, and God. And, Jesus' principles change the way you do that. Your attitudes and character regulate and decide how much of Jesus' power flows in and through you.

Working Together With Jesus
You received power when you were born again; Jesus is that power! He is empowering you to do things you were never able to do before. *But*, Jesus will *not* allow you to just *use* the power. He will work together with you as you and He do things that are supernatural, miraculous, and amazing. He will cause His power to flow in and through you in wonderful ways, provided that these things are good for you and those around you. Jesus will use His incredible knowledge, foreknowledge of the future, understanding, and wisdom to decide whether or not it is.

Spiritual Problems

Yielding To Bad Spirituality
Just like it sounds, *spiritual* growth is learning about spiritual issues. A lot of the time, you can think you are only dealing with things you can see. When someone does something you don't like, you can express negative feelings and actions against them. When something happens that you don't want, you can try to handle the whole situation using natural procedures. But, these natural procedures typically hurt you and those around you. Negative attitudes and character traits form inside you and then flow out of you against other people. That causes others to experience those bad things too.

It's A Spiritual Issue
Anyone who has read the book of Job (The eighteenth book in the Old Testament) quickly realize there is more to life than those things we can see, hear, taste, touch, and smell. Those who have spent much time learning about building a special relationship with God, have come to the realization that there is a spiritual world that God is training us to deal with. The things in the spiritual world have more to do with your success in life than the physical does.

An Evil Spiritual Source
From a negative perspective you have Satan and his efforts to deal with. He is the reason you are struggling with life. Let Jesus help you see what the Bible says about your life as it relates to people, Satan, and circumstances. And, let Him show you these things as it relates to your physical world and the spiritual world.

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It Wasn't A Person
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I Must Have Thought That!
A lot of what you face on a negative basis doesn't come from people. It may come through people; but it doesn't originate in them. People allow the devil to use them to attack you and hurt you. You even allow the devil to talk to you about yourself; you don't mean to; but, it happens. He doesn't come to you in a physical form like he did with Adam and Eve. He doesn't even always come to you in the physical form of the people around you. He often comes as you! He will give you a thought or feeling that he hopes you will accept as being your thought or your feeling.

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Satan says harmful, hurtful things against you and others in your thoughts and feeling. And, because they popped up in *your* mind, you often accept his words as originating in and from you. In the above Scripture, the Bible is saying that your battle isn't with the person (including yourself) who is yielding their body to Satan's work. Your battle is with Satan who is working against you and through other people. You must learn how to detect these satanic suggestions and how to resist them. Jesus will soon be teaching you these wonderful things. But, right now He is just helping you be aware of where your bad ideas and emotions are coming from.

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Jesus Changes Relationships
Jesus offers you a whole new approach to living life around yourself and fellow human beings. The source of life issues comes through satanic attacks in your thoughts and through satanic words spoken through other people. You have allowed them to guide you and your philosophies of life. They have been telling you how to think, what to want, what will make you happy, and how to succeed in life. You must discontinue accepting the training, beliefs, and guidelines originated from Satan and the world. Jesus wants to stop this inflow and give you His source of training, beliefs, and principles.

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Jesus, what would it take to make a financial system like that work? Show me that it is spiritual growth! Also show me that, that is the same issue with me having power. If God gave me uncontrolled power and I wasn't honest or trustworthy to control that power, I would *use* it to hurt God's work, myself, and others. So, even though the answer to all my problems is power, and even though I now have been empowered to live victoriously, it will only flow through me as I grow spiritually. Teach me that the power I received through salvation and justification *is You*, Jesus! You won't let Your power and blessings flow in and through me without spiritual growth.

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Starting Your Life Of Victory
The Truth Pages Chapter Two

God Can Heal Your Issues With Life; You And Your Friends Can't

Learning How To Cooperate With Jesus

The answer to being healed from life issues is for you to get closer to God. He offers the training through Jesus on how to yield to His power. That will set you free; and, that will bring you closer to God. You will have to learn how to take advantage of His spiritual provisions. They come through Jesus so you can be empowered to handle the circumstances of your life. As you read these truths and pray and ask Jesus to put them in your life, you are getting closer to God.

Spiritual Problems Take Spiritual Procedures

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If you use human effort and human procedures to try to handle your problems, it will continue to backfire on you. Human effort will spiral you into divorce, disease, stress, financial difficulties, people problems, and spiritual issues. As Jesus takes you through the process of growing closer to God, you will see that your problems are being caused by you not knowing how to operate in the spiritual world. You haven't learned how to resist temptations and spiritual pressures that are forcing you to have issues with life. If you could use human solutions, you would have already solved your life problems.

Steps To Resisting The Right Opponent

1. You Must Give Up Human Effort

John 15:5 (NIV) "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. You may feel like you have done a lot of things without Jesus. But, anything not done in a way that lasts forever, ends up as nothing. Since your problems aren't being caused by yourself or the people around you, you must learn how to have a strategy that allows Jesus' power to flow through you.

2. You Must Give Up Past Methods

James 4:1-2 (NIV) What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, BECAUSE you do not ask God. Jesus wants to teach you how to stop fighting yourself and the people around you. Instead, He will teach you how to start asking God for the solutions to your problems. You and Jesus will be working together on spiritual principles that will transform your life.

3. You Must Live Where God Lives
John 4:24 (NIV) God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth. You have worked very hard at getting an education so as to learn how to operate in the world around you. You have to spend a lifetime learning how to live here. However, you are going to spend eternity in the spirit realm. You are starting right now learning how to work in Jesus' world. He wants you to let Him take your problem with life and use it to teach you Biblical principles, spiritual concepts, and human relationships that will empower you to win at life.

4. You Must Know Why You Are Here
The main reason you are here on earth is so you can learn how to live in the spirit world. God designed this world as an example for you to use to learn spiritual principles. If you only learn world principles and don't use them as examples for your spiritual training, you will have missed the main reason you exist. You *will* grow spiritually by allowing Jesus to show you how life on this planet works. The principles on this planet are showing you how to win at life here *and* how to win in eternity with your heavenly Father in His Kingdom.

5. You Must Know What You Are Supposed To Do
James 4:7 (NIV) Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Your assignment is to learn how to yield to God and the things of God; and how to resist the devil and the things of the devil. You may have been resisting, fighting, and hurting yourself and the people around you unnecessarily. **John 15:14 (NIV) You are My friends if you do what I command.** Here is how you are actually supposed to treat yourself and others: **John 15:12 (NIV) My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.**

6. You Must Go From Fighting To Loving
Rom 13:9-10 (NIV) The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. Not only is Jesus asking you to stop fighting yourself and other people. He is telling you to love yourself and other people.

Jesus isn't just telling you to *feel* love for yourself and other people, He will draw out actual scenarios and life-situations where you are to treat yourself and others a certain way. But, He won't be asking you to do this by using your own power. He will be empowering you to create win/win situations for everyone involved with you. And, you will be doing it by following the Scriptures in the Bible and receiving Jesus' power to do it. This will take you into the world where your heavenly Father and Jesus live.

We Are Eternal, Spiritual Beings

Live Like A Child Of God

Why do you have to learn all this spiritual training? Why doesn't God just set you free from life issues so you don't have to put forth all this effort? The main reason is because you are being trained for eternity. Learning how to be involved with spiritual issues is learning how to live the new life God has given you as a child of God. If you will let Jesus work on your attitudes and character, that will change everything in your life. But, if you have self-esteem rather than God-esteem, this can really hurt your pride.

Change For Now And For Eternity

How much poison would you be willing to drink? How many bullets would you like shot into you? How many stab wounds would you like to be inflicted into your abdomen? *none*! That is the same thing as, how many sins are you willing to have in your life? When you mistreat yourself and others, you are sinning. God labels these mistreatments, sins so you can see them like you see poison, stab wounds, and bullet wounds. There are things that kill your body; and, there are things that destroy your eternal life. You must know what is hurting your spiritual life.

It All Starts With Salvation And Justification

Set Free From Sin On Your Record WITH GOD

Accepting Jesus as your Lord, Savior, and King brought you into a wonderful new life through the experience of salvation and justification. You *instantly* became a child of God, a member of His family, and a citizen of His Kingdom. All your past, present, and future sins were forgiven and forgotten *by God*. You are now starting over with a new life with God, the Bible, and Christianity. *But*, even though your record with God is now clean, *you* and those around you still remember what you *did* and what you are *doing*.

God's Grace And Mercy

Since God considers you free from all sin through grace and mercy, that gives you all the rights and privileges of a child of God, a member of His family, and a citizen in His Kingdom. You may have your reasons for why you accepted Jesus as your Savior, Lord, and King. But, God has His reason for making all that happen. If you don't know what God's reason is, you can't cooperate with Him. God gave you salvation and justification so you could get Jesus' power and help to start treating yourself and others properly; that was His reason.

Sanctification

Don't let this strange word, sanctification, scare or bother you. Jesus will be covering it and its parts over the study of your time with Him. The first thing you need to know about it is, in this study, sanctification is also called spiritual growth. Sanctification or spiritual growth is you learning how to yield to Jesus' power to fulfill **Mark 12:30-31: (NIV) Love the Lord your God with ALL your heart and with ALL your soul and with ALL your mind and with ALL your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."**

At First, God Does Most Things FOR You

Salvation And Justification

Until you get involved in spiritual growth, you really aren't doing what God has planned for you. Salvation and justification don't require much on your part. Salvation and justification are exclusively done by the grace (God *giving* you blessings you don't deserve), mercy (God *protecting* you from consequences you do deserve), love, and power of God.

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Your Small Part In Salvation And Justification

Here's what *you* did:

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Now God Does Most Things WITH You

God Made The Relationship Possible

Once you did your small part, God made you His child, a member of His family, and a citizen of His eternal Kingdom. Now He wants a relationship with you as His child. He wants you to be a vital part of all He will do in and through you for the rest of your life and throughout eternity.

Your New Relationship With God

Since, your heavenly Father wants a relationship with you, He made it possible for you to move into the victorious life in the Spirit, by learning how to work together with Jesus. You and He are going to be using your difficulties with life for you to learn Biblical principles that enhance that relationship. These Biblical principles, the ones Jesus will be teaching you, will bring spiritual growth into your life that enhance *all* your relationships. Jesus' spiritual growth training empowers you so you can experience greater and greater success in all your life in time and in eternity. Spiritual growth consists of you and Jesus working together to help you **love the Lord your God with ALL your heart and with ALL your soul and with ALL your mind and with ALL your strength,'** and to, **'love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:30-31).'**

Starting Your Life Of Victory
The Prayer Pages Chapter Two

God Can Heal Your Issues With Life; You And Your Friends Can't

Learning How To Cooperate With Jesus

Jesus, help me be healed from life issues by getting closer to God. Since God offers training through You on how to yield to His power, let that training set me free; and, let that bring me closer to God. Show me that I am going to have to learn how to take advantage of God's spiritual provisions. Help me see that they come through You so I can be empowered to handle the circumstances of my life. Teach me that these prayers over these truths are drawing me closer to God.

Spiritual Problems Take Spiritual Procedures

Eph 6:12 (NIV) For our struggle is NOT against flesh and blood [people], but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil [Satan and demons] in the heavenly realms.

Jesus, make it clear to me that if I use human effort and human procedures to try to handle my problems, it will continue to backfire on me. Human effort will spiral me into divorce, disease, stress, financial difficulties, people problems, and spiritual problems. As You take me through the process of growing closer to God, I will be able to see that my problems are being caused by me not knowing how to operate in the spiritual world. Show me that I haven't learned how to resist temptations and spiritual pressures that are forcing me to have issues with life. Help me see that if using human solutions would work, I would have already solved my life problems. Set me free from them.

Steps To Resisting The Right Opponent

1. I Must Give Up Human Effort

John 15:5 (NIV) "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; <u>apart from Me you can do nothing</u>. Jesus, I thought I had done a lot of things without You. But, now that I have been taught that anything not done in a way that lasts forever, ends up as nothing, I see I haven't. Help me allow You to teach me how to deal with an enemy that hates me. Help me *want* to be trained to win against Satan, who is trying to hurt and destroy me.

2. I Must Give Up Past Methods

James 4:1-2 (NIV) What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, BECAUSE you do not ask God. Jesus, teach me how to stop fighting myself and the people around me. Teach me how to start asking God for the solutions to my problems. Work with me on spiritual principles so my life will be transformed.

3. I Must Live Where God Lives

John 4:24 (NIV) God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth. Jesus, I have worked very hard at getting an education so as to learn how to operate in the world around me. However, show me that I am going to spend eternity in the spirit realm. Help me start right now learning how to work in Your world. Take my problem with life and use it to teach me Biblical principles, spiritual concepts, and human relationships that will empower me to win at life.

4. I Must Know Why I Am Here

Jesus, teach me that the main reason I am here on earth is so I can learn how to live in the spirit world. God designed this world as an example for me to use to learn spiritual principles. Make it clear to me that if I only learn world principles and don't use them as examples for my spiritual training, I will have missed the main reason I exist. Help me grow spiritually by allowing You to show me how life on this planet works. Teach me that the principles on this planet are showing me how to win at life here *and* how to win in eternity with my heavenly Father in His Kingdom.

5. I Must Know What I Am Supposed To Do

James 4:7 (NIV) Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Jesus, show me that my assignment is to learn how to yield to God and the things of God; and how to resist the devil and the things of the devil. Help me see that I have been resisting, fighting, and hurting myself and the people around me unnecessarily. **John 15:14 (NIV) You are My friends if you do what I command.** Help me treat myself and others this way: **John 15:12 (NIV) My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.** Empower me to obey this command.

6. I Must Go From Fighting To Loving

Rom 13:9-10 (NIV) The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. Jesus, help me stop fighting myself and other people; and, help me love myself and other people.

Jesus, teach me that You aren't just telling me to feel love for myself and other people; draw out actual scenarios and life-situations where I am to treat myself and others a certain way. But, help me not do this by using my own power. Empower me to create win/win situations for everyone involved with me. And, let me be doing it by following the Scriptures in the Bible and receiving Your power to do it. Let this take me into the world where my heavenly Father and You live.

I Am An Eternal, Spiritual Being

Live Like A Child Of God

Jesus, show me why I have to learn all this spiritual training. Show me why God doesn't just set me free from life issues so I don't have to put forth all this effort. Teach me that the main reason is because I am being trained for eternity. Make it clear to me that learning how to be involved with spiritual issues is learning how to live the new life God has given me as a child of God. Work on my attitudes and character, so it will change everything in my life. Teach me how to have God-esteem rather than self-esteem, so Your correction doesn't offend me.

Change For Now And For Eternity

Jesus, I don't want to drink any poison. I don't want any bullets shot into me. I don't want any stab wounds inflicted into my abdomen? Teach me that this is the same thing as, how many sins I am willing to have in my life. Teach me that when I mistreat myself and others, I am sinning. God labeled these mistreatments, sins, so I can see them like I see poison, stab wounds, and bullet wounds. Teach me that there are things that kill my body; and, there are things that destroy my eternal life. Help me know what is hurting my spiritual life.

It All Starts With Salvation And Justification

Set Free From Sin On My Record WITH GOD

Jesus, make it clear to me that by accepting You as my Lord, Savior, and King, it brought me into a wonderful new life through the experience of salvation and justification. I *instantly* became a child of God, a member of His family, and a citizen of His Kingdom. All my past, present, and future sins were forgiven and forgotten *by God*. I am now starting over with a new life with God, the Bible, and Christianity. *But*, even though my record with God is now clean, I and those around me still remember what I *did* and am still *doing*.

God's Grace And Mercy

Jesus, *since* God considers me free from all sin through grace and mercy, that gives me all the rights and privileges of a child of God, a member of His family, and a citizen in His Kingdom. Help me change my reasons for why I accepted You as my Savior, Lord, and King. Help me accept God's reasons for making all that happen. Help me know what God's reasons are so I can cooperate with them. Make it clear to me that God gave me salvation and justification so I could get Your power and help to start treating myself and others properly.

Sanctification

Jesus, help me get familiar with this word, sanctification. Help me understand it as I spend time with You. Teach me that sanctification is also called spiritual growth. Teach me that sanctification or spiritual growth is me learning how to yield to Your power to fulfill **Mark 12:30-31: (NIV) Love the Lord your God with ALL your heart and with ALL your soul and with ALL your mind and with ALL your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."**

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Let Jesus show you how spiritual growth works. It has to be done by the Spirit. And it has to be done by you <u>using the power of the Holy Spirit</u> to put to death the misdeeds (bad things you do to yourself and to those around you) of your body. It may be difficult for you to accept this at first; but, you and your body aren't going to be on the same page, since you became a Christian. You are a spirit being who is living in a body.

There's Going To Be A Battle

Jesus changed *you*, the spirit person, who is living on the inside of your body. As long as you didn't mind so much that you were doing things that weren't good for you or those around you, you and your body were able to do them as friends. But, the moment Jesus changed your attitude toward things that are fun but have side effects, your body rebelled against the new you. It wants fun no matter what the cost is.

The New You

Good Has No Side Effects

The new you only wants fun that is beneficial to you and those around you. God will give you more fun than you will ever know what to do with. But, it won't be the kind of fun that hurts you and those around you. Your body won't understand this and will need to be forced into experiencing God's type of pleasure by a unified effort of you working *together* with Jesus' Holy Spirit.

You can't grow spiritually by yourself. And, God won't give you success in your life without you working together with Him.

Going From Credit To Reality

The trouble you are having with life will be overcome as you learn how to yield to the principles of God. The process of spiritual growth (sanctification) empowers you to start being able to actually *do* and *say* things you weren't able to do and say before. Once you learn how to **BY THE SPIRIT put to death the misdeeds of** your **body,** you **will live** a whole new way of life.

In salvation and justification, you are only *credited* with doing and saying good things. God gave you credit for them on His record so you could become His child, a member of His family, and a citizen of His Kingdom. That gave you access to all God's knowledge, foreknowledge of the future, understanding, wisdom, and power. You and Jesus are going to use them to help you start *living* all those good things that you have been credited with on God's record.

Spiritual Growth

The Power To Live It Out

In sanctification (spiritual growth) Jesus wants you to start working together with Him. Why? This is the relationship you are going to have with God for eternity. So, you are going to experience healing from your issues with life; but Jesus is going to be doing it in and through you. You will be learning spiritual things by letting Jesus live His life as your life. As you experience His living through you, you will learn and grow at a high rate of speed.

Ready For Eternity

In eternity:

- You aren't going to be standing around watching God do all the work.
- You aren't going to be running around doing all kinds of work *for* God.
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Victory Over Life Issues Is Only The Beginning

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The reason God wants you to learn how to start living the right way now is, He wants to work together *with* you as you and He use His principles to defeat your struggles with life. You are *credited* with having defeated these struggles; but, you and He want you to *actually* defeat them. You developed your problem with life by trying to have fun, have happiness, and experience pleasure. But, it had side effects that you didn't know were attached to that fun, happiness, and pleasure.

God's Fun, Happiness, And Pleasure

God wants to show you a way of life far superior to a life that is just free from problems. He wants to show you how to get involved in a way of life that will bring you a lot of fun, happiness, and joy. Your relationship with Him, yourself, and the people around you will change in a very wonderful way. You will be transformed into a whole new way of life that is based on God's eternal relationship system.

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Everything you do with God on earth is based on preparing you for eternity. If you discover that this way of life is one you would enjoy having forever, then you will accept it and learn how to live it better. You will always be tempted to be distracted by the things of this world. **Mat 6:24-25 (NIV) No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?**

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If you were being trained for a very exciting opportunity and you kept getting distracted by the room you were in, the equipment they used, and the people in the class, you would miss the training. If you got in your car and just spent all your time examining the equipment in it, you would never get the benefits your car could provide. If you spend all your time checking out the things of this world, you will enter into eternity untrained for it. You are on this planet temporarily; get ready, get trained, and get prepared to live where it will all count for eternity.

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Don't Get Discouraged; God IS Your Answer

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If you refuse to allow your struggles with life to overwhelm you, you will learn how to grow spiritually by working together with Jesus. Don't allow yourself to get frustrated with God because He hasn't already solved your problem. If God just stepped in and zapped all your conflicting feelings, misdeeds, or bad behavior that come from your problems with your body, the world, and Satan, you wouldn't learn and grow into a person who is successful in life and relationships. *And*, that would keep you from being a mature, skilled, talented, and trained adult child of God for eternity.

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Three Important Things About The Holy Spirit

- The first thing you need to know about the Holy Spirit is: **"He will guide you into ALL truth."**

- The second thing you need to know about Him is: **"He will bring glory to** Jesus **by taking from what is** His **and making it known to you."**

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John 16:7 (NIV) But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. The Holy Spirit is so important to you that Jesus went away so He would come. Jesus was in a physical body that could only be in one place at time. However, with the Holy Spirit coming in Acts chapter two, Jesus can be in large quantities of Christian bodies all at the same time.

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John 16:8 (NIV) When He comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment. The way the Holy Spirit let you know you needed Jesus was to convict you of **sin and righteousness and judgment** He spoke to your conscience and helped you realize what was right and wrong, good and bad, and righteous and evil. The reason you were constantly aware of what you should and shouldn't be doing was the Holy Spirit working in your conscience.

The thing you need to know is, the Holy Spirit has been in constant communication with you from the moment you started knowing the difference between right and wrong. He has been your *personal* friend for a long time showing you that you needed Jesus' help to live a better life.

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1 Cor 6:19-20 (NIV) Do you not know that <u>your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you</u>, Whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. The Holy Spirit is *very* gentle; when He came into you at salvation and justification, you may not have known that He came in. He is in you; but, you have to learn how to respond to Him. One of the first things He did, when He came into you, was to make sure you knew you were born again.

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Rom 8:16 (NIV) The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. The reason you *know* you have been born again and are God's child is because the Holy Spirit is speaking to your spirit and telling you that you are God's child. And, He is not only telling you that, He is speaking all truth to you Spirit-to-spirit. This isn't a verbal communication; it is an instant knowing. As you read your Bible or go through these studies, the Holy Spirit empowers you to understand the meaning. Without Him, you wouldn't understand any of it.

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John 16:8 (NIV) When He comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment. Fortunately, God has provided us with the Holy Spirit, Who will help us with our problems. When a baby gets old enough to start crawling, it goes places that have potential harm. Parents try to baby-proof their house but sooner or later the baby will find something that can harm it. Usually, the watchful eye of its parent sees the danger and intervenes. That is what the Holy Spirit and our heavenly Father do for us. They watch over our lives and provide us with warnings and solutions to our problems.

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Rom 8:27 (NIV) And He Who searches our hearts [our heavenly Father] knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. You don't always know what you should be praying and asking God to help you with. So the Holy Spirit prays and asks God for those things you need. He helps you with your prayers so you will invite your heavenly Father into important situations. The Holy Spirit not only connects you with Jesus, He also connects you with your heavenly Father. The Holy Spirit is the One Who opens the doors of communication with you and them.

You don't have to worry about these problems you face. The Holy Spirit is going to be with you every step of the way. He will use this struggle you are having with life and will see to it that you learn the things you need to learn.

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The Holy Spirit is going to always be there taking you through the New Testament. He is going to be explaining how to resist the damaging temptations and pressures that come your way. Also, Jesus is going to be using these studies to help you learn how to better cooperate with God's Spirit so you can win at life. That is why He has seen to it that all these things have been put together.

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The Benefits Of Spiritual Growth

Spiritual growth has many characteristics to it:

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Sanctification helps you be able to get the victory over challenges, such as life issues, that are controlling your life.

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2. You Start Living Your New Life

Sanctification gives you a new life that is so wonderful that you never dreamed it was possible.

2 Cor 5:17 (NIV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! Now that you have this new life; Jesus and the Holy Spirit are ready to empower you to learn how to live it to its fullest potential.

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The Truth Pages Chapter Six

How To Get The Right Things Constantly Being Allowed To Enter Your Life.

The Submission Studies

In **Study Two - The Submission Studies,** Jesus will be helping you examine things you need to be constantly allowing to enter into your life. There are four doors that you must allow Jesus to open to God and the powerful provisions of God. But, before you can start opening those vital doors to God, you must be able to identify God's voice and influence when He comes to you.

Identifying God

You need to become familiar with the things of God. If you don't know the difference between the things of God, the things of the body, the things of the world, and the things of the devil, you will live a very confused, frustrated, and defeated life. Not knowing the difference between these four influences is part of what is causing you your difficulties with life.

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Your very first assignment in spiritual growth is to *identify* and *obtain* God and the incredible things He offers. You can just think of things in terms of bad and good; there are also things that are right and wrong. Sin is what God named things that are bad or evil. However, God also has plans for you to do those things that are right and best for you and the people around you. Things can hurt and damage you that aren't sins. They can hurt and damage you just because they aren't the right or best thing. The ideas that come your way don't always reveal end results.

The Bible And Jesus Will Teach You

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Relationships, Provisions, and Power

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Making A Trade

The key concept Jesus will be dealing with in these studies is that God and the things of God drive out bad things. They drive out the bad things you do with your body, the debilitating enticements of the world, and the enslaving temptations of the devil. As you and Jesus drive out all of the negative influences by replacing them with the positive influences of God, your struggles, difficulties, and problems with life are forced out. Through submission, Jesus will empower you to only allow the positive effects of God to direct your life.

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How To Get The Right Things Constantly Being Allowed To Enter My Life.

The Submission Studies

Jesus, use **Study Two - The Submission Studies,** to help me examine things I need to be constantly allowing to enter into my life. Teach me what the four doors are that I must allow You to open to God and the powerful provisions of God. But, before You start teaching how to open these vital doors to God, help me be able to identify God's voice and influence when He comes to me.

Identifying God

Jesus, help me become familiar with the things of God. Help me know the difference between the things of God, the things of the body, the things of the world, and the things of the devil; let that help me stop living a very confused, frustrated, and defeated life. Show me that not knowing the difference between these four influences is part of what caused me my difficulties with life. I opened the door to things that would hurt me; and, once opened, they have been very difficult to close.

My Number One Assignment

Jesus, teach me that my very first assignment in spiritual growth is to *identify* and *obtain* God and the incredible things He offers. Help me not just think of things in terms of bad and good. Teach me that there are also things that are right and wrong. Show me that sin is what God named things that are bad or evil. However, make it clear to me that God also has plans for me to do those things that are right and best for me and the people around me. Teach me that there are things that can hurt and damage me that aren't sins. They can hurt and damage me just because they aren't the right or best things for me. The ideas that come my way, show me that they don't always bring the results I want or expect.

The Bible And Jesus Will Teach Me

Jesus, by taking me through **The Submission Studies,** teach me the difference between the things of God, the things of the body, the things of the world, and the things of the devil; let that change me. Teach me that there are "opportunities" that come my way that don't matter what I do; but, they do. Through this training, change who I am allowing to communicate with me. And, help that change my thoughts, feelings, attitudes, desires, patterns of life, and my reactions to the environment around me. Let that start setting me free from life issues. And, let that start putting things in me that will replace the causes for *why* I am having difficulties with life.

Relationships, Provisions, and Power

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How To Resist The Wrong Things
You Were Regularly Allowing To Enter Into Your Life

The Resistance Studies
In **Study Three - The Resistance Studies,** Jesus will be helping you look at wrong things you are regularly allowing to enter into your life. This has to do with three doors that are usually open to Satan all or most of the time. You have all been trained by your body, the world, and the devil to believe that it is okay to allow these things into your life without resistance. That is how the source of life problems was able to get in.

Close The Door!

Accidently Or On Purpose
God is against this open access to these particular things. He can see clearly how much damage these open doors are doing to your character, your circumstances, and your relationships. God has a protective armor that He is going to help you put on. It will protect you from these damaging experiences. However, this armor of God won't stop anything you *purposefully* allow in.

Your Will Is What God Is Looking At
God evaluates and judges one major thing as you go about your day. When you do something that is wrong, bad, or evil, the number one thing He considers is, did you *want* to do it? As long as you are making mistakes, He will keep your record with Him clean. But, if you willfully, purposely sin, you will have to go immediately to Him and repent. That means you have to tell Him you are sorry, that you never want to do it again, and then "do what it takes" to never yield to that sin again.

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It may not seem like you are allowing life struggles to come into your thoughts and feelings on *purpose*. But we, as Christians, have new responsibilities and new possibilities. **Jer 17:9-10 (NIV) The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? "I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve."** Whether or not you willfully did it is a decision only God can make. Take the wrong, bad, or evil word or deed to Him and let Him decide what your motive was.

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Prior to you becoming a Christian, you *were* powerless to change certain things. You couldn't change your desires, thoughts, reactions, patterns of life, feelings, and actions. But, because you turned to God, He has given you freedom and power of choice. You can now *choose* what you want and *decide* what you will allow into your life. He has given you Jesus as your freedom and power to stop these root causes from coming in. All you have to do is learn how to yield to Jesus and He will put a stop to them; and, from then on you will be free from the control of life issues.

Why Isn't This Armor Working?

If we don't *willfully* stop these things from coming in, we will forfeit the armor's protection. Jesus will be using this study to deal with closing these three doors. The key concept He will be dealing with is the fact that, as you grow in confidence in God's ways, you will lose confidence in the other three ways of living life. You will lose confidence in the cravings of your body, your life-systems of the world, and the lying promises of the devil. That closes the doors to the root causes of life difficulties.

How To Get Rid Of Lifestyles, Habits, And Addictions

Keep The Wrong, Bad, And Evil Food Out

Just because you have always done things a certain way doesn't mean they are good for you. Just because you have gained some benefits from certain wrong, bad, or evil things doesn't mean they aren't doing great damage to you. Just because you haven't been able to stop letting these things into your life doesn't mean Jesus can't set you free from them. You may have tried "everything" to stop allowing these things in; but, now you are trying Jesus. He will keep these things out which will stop them from feeding your problem with life.

Jesus' Spiritual Armor

Jesus is going to teach you how to put on the armor of financial, relational, emotional, physical, and spiritual protection that God provides. The complete armor of God deals with external things that are trying to get in. Since it won't stop anything you *want* to get in, you have to allow Jesus to change your desires, your philosophies, your prayers, what you believe to be true, what you love, and what you put into action in your life. Never forget that the armor will not keep anything out if you think it is okay to let it in; like God, it honors your God-given free will.

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There's nothing wrong with Jesus' armor; it is invincible. But, you must see that what you are allowing into your life is wrong. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your conscience. He will help those things that are *causing* you to have trouble with life to go away. Allow the Bible to tell you what is wrong, bad, and evil; once you accept that, Jesus will empower you to "do what it takes" to *keep* life struggles out. You have to agree with your Holy Spirit influenced conscience, the Bible, and Jesus so you can be convinced that these things should be resisted.

Replacement Parts

You Must Be Willing To Wear It

The key concept Jesus will be helping you look at in this study is the fact that God has counter parts (spiritual replacements) to every wrong thing you are allowing to come into your life. These counter parts are opposite but more powerful replacements for the bad things you do to yourself and to other people. These bad things have been flowing into you and then through the words and actions of your body. They have come into you and have caused you to say and do things that are hurting you and those around you. Now you can yield to replacements that will protect you from damaging things you have been allowing into your life.

Because you are suffering from the difficulties you are having with life, this struggle is influencing most of the way you treat yourself and the way you treat others. These counter parts from God are powerful enough to drive these wrong, bad, and evil things out.

Superior Replacement Parts

As you experience the Holy Spirit speaking to your conscience, the Bible instructing your mind, and Jesus giving you power, you will be able to locate God's replacement characteristics and allow Him to install them as armor. Then they will protect you from these things flowing into you and flowing out of you against other people. You will be working together with your heavenly Father as you get the victory over each problem you face.

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The wonderful thing about God's replacement characteristics is they form a protective shield around you. They are resistive attitudes and character traits that shield you from those things that were feeding your problems with life issues. This leaves you with a whole new set of attitudes, desires, thoughts, feelings, actions, and words that resist all those things that have been hurting you.

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The Purification Studies
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God's Power Attitudes

The Heart Controls Our Mouth
The reason wrong, bad, and evil things get into our lives is because we allow them in. Once they get in, it is a whole different procedure for getting them out. **Mat 12:34-35 (NIV) You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.** This isn't good news! We all need a good house cleaning so we can get rid of all those things stored in our brain, our mind, and our heart.

There Are Things STORED In You
In Matthew 12:34-35, Jesus is telling you that you are living on the basis of all those things stored in your brain, mind, and heart. If there is anything that is wrong, bad, or evil in there, it is flowing out of your mouth; it won't stay in no matter how hard you try. The good news is, Jesus has some power attitudes that will empower you to get purified. These power-attitudes don't purify you; but, they open the doors for you to *be* purified. Since you have a God-given free will, you will need these power-attitudes to help you *be willing* to be purified.

Poor In Spirit
This is an attitude where Jesus empowers you to be open to His teaching and truth. It is having a teachable spirit; but, it is only open to Jesus' truth. Without this power-attitude, you will lack the ability to be receptive to everything Jesus is trying to teach you. There will be some areas of your life where you will *not* be willing to allow something wrong, bad, or evil to be given up. If you lack this power-attitude, Jesus won't be able to lead you into complete purification.

Mourning
As Jesus' power-attitude of being **poor in spirit** opens you to His truth, you will see wrong, bad, and evil things inside you. You can experience resistance to giving it up. You can feel regret, intense guilt, shame, embarrassment, condemnation, fear, helplessness, hopelessness, and many other emotions. You may resist Jesus by trying to ignore it, justify it, explain why you did it, or go to your friends to see if they will help you feel good about it.

If you open your heart and mind to Jesus, He will give you His power-attitude of **mourning.** You will feel a powerful sadness that will allow you to repent of these things and be sorry that you did and said those things. You will tell Jesus that you are sorry, repent (make a U-turn), renounce it (give it up), and release it (let it go). Each thing Jesus helps you discover will be given this treatment until your heart and mind are healed from all their damage. You will find many things that are feeding your problems with life.

Meekness
The world taught you to have self-confidence, believe in yourself, have self-esteem, and to be self-centered. This put you in the center of all you are and do. That causes you to come to Jesus for His salvation, justification, and help, while analyzing, testing, evaluating, and scrutinizing everything Jesus and the Bible tell you. You believe *you* are the judge of what is best for you. You will think you love yourself the most, and the only one having your best interests in mind. But, Jesus has all knowledge, foreknowledge of the future, understanding and wisdom; you don't.

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There are wonderful, exciting, joyous, and dynamic things in God's world. You have been digging around in the trash heap of the world trying to find good things. Jesus is taking you into the riches of His glorious blessings and provisions. He is giving you a supply of things to look through that are extremely valuable, beautiful, beneficial, powerful, and miraculous. Righteousness is the name God has given all these valuable things He has accepted for Himself and for you. **Phil 4:19 (NIV) And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.**

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How To Prevent Wrong Things That Are Trying To Get Into Your Life That You Never Wanted In There But Didn't Have The Power To Keep Out

The Prevention Studies
In the **Fourth Study - The Prevention Studies,** Jesus will help you consider things that forced their way into your life because of some relationship, circumstance, or misunderstanding.

How Jesus' Armor Works
God gives you spiritual armor for you to put on. It provides you with protection against bad things that are trying to get into your life, such as life difficulties. But, you must keep some very important things in mind:

- Your Jesus-armor only deals with external things that are trying to get in that you and Jesus resist together. If you try to resist them using human effort, it won't work; you need Jesus' power.

- Your Jesus-armor *doesn't* deal with things that are already in you. God's power-attitudes in Matthew 5:3-12 must be used to remove those things you have already accepted into your life.

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The Limits Of The Armor
These truths are why Jesus will be taking you through the other studies first. Until you have a better grasp of what God wants in your life, your spiritual armor from Jesus will basically do nothing for you. But once you have:

- Started taking care of joining Jesus and resisting wrong, bad, and evil with Him,

- Started working with Jesus to get those wrong, bad, and evil things out of you,

- Started letting Jesus help you bring your desires into alignment with the Bible, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in your conscience, you will be much more ready to start using your armor to prevent wrong, bad, and evil things from getting into you in the first place. You will never be perfect; but, you must start the process of being cleansed and purified by Jesus' training through these studies.

The Full Armor Of God

The Warrior Inside The Armor

Eph 6:10 (NIV) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. This is dealing with you, the warrior inside the armor. If you are yielding to Jesus and His power, then that will activate Jesus' armor in a very dynamic and successful way.

You Are The One Who Puts It On

Eph 6:11 (NIV) Put on the full armor of God SO THAT you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Jesus will be taking you through steps that enable you to put on and use each item of His armor. *That* will empower you to **take your stand against the devil's schemes.**

Identifying Your Enemy

Eph 6:12 (NIV) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Up until now, you have probably been winning against the competition, arguing against your opponents, trying to work your way to the top, defeating your adversaries, and holding grudges and getting revenge against people. But, in this study, Jesus will teach you how to use your armor against *Satan,* your true enemy. And, you will learn how to treat yourself and the people around you.

Getting Ready To Win

Eph 6:13 (NIV) Therefore put on the full armor of God, SO THAT when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. It is true that you already have a problem that is bothering you the most. But, you don't want to always be behind the problems of life. Jesus wants to help you get ahead of the game. His plan is to help you with your issue with life and then help you learn how to use those principles to *prevent* future potential problems.

The Belt Of Truth And The Breastplate Of Righteousness

Eph 6:14 (NIV) STAND FIRM then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place. With God's power-attitudes firmly locked inside your heart, you become ready to start putting on each item of your armor. Here you have a **belt of truth** that you will need to learn what it is, where to put it, how to get it on, how to keep it on, and how to use it. You also have the same needs for the **breastplate of righteousness.** Jesus will be teaching and empowering you to get this done.

The Shoes Of The Gospel Of Peace

Eph 6:15 (NIV) and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. Jesus will be teaching you what these shoes are, where to put them, how to get them on, how to keep them on, and how to use them. They will protect you by giving you mobility. You will be able to develop spiritual "foot-work" that will help you position yourself in the right place. These are a kind of shoe that will empower you to have agility, balance, speed, and stability to be on guard at all times. You will be standing where you need to be so as to win.

The Shield Of Faith
Eph 6:16 (NIV) In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. This item isn't put on; it is used by you and Jesus to **extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.** Jesus will be teaching you skills for being able to keep it in place where the **flaming arrows** are coming from. You must know how to make sure these **flaming arrows** hit your shield. It is the only piece that extinguishes them.

The Helmet Of Salvation And The Sword Of The Spirit
Eph 6:17 (NIV) Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. The **helmet of salvation** is worn and the **sword of the Spirit** is held and used. With the **helmet of salvation,** Jesus will be teaching you why it is important, how it protects your brain, mind, and heart, how to get it on, how to keep it on, and how to use it. With the **sword of the Spirit,** Jesus will be developing your offensive skills for how to apply it to the battle; it is for attacking rather than defending.

Getting The Right Attitudes
Eph 6:18 (NIV) And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, <u>be alert</u> and always keep on praying for all the saints. Now Jesus is taking you back to the warrior. He is telling you how to allow the Holy Spirit to assist you in what to be praying for. As He teaches you these things, He will be preparing you for *preventing* things from getting into your life that you never wanted in there. He will be showing you how to get His power working in your behalf by taking you through these studies.

Starting Your Life Of Victory
The Prayer Pages Chapter Nine

How To Prevent Wrong Things That Are Trying To Get Into My Life That I Never Wanted In There But Didn't Have The Power To Keep Out

The Prevention Studies

Jesus, use the **Fourth Study - The Prevention Studies,** to help me consider <u>things that forced their way into my life because of some relationship, circumstance, or misunderstanding</u>. Show me how to take advantage of your power to get them out.

How Jesus' Armor Works

Jesus, since God has given me spiritual armor for me to put on, let it provide me with protection against bad things that are trying to get into my life, such as life difficulties. But, help me keep some very important things in mind:

- Use my Jesus-armor to deal with external things that are trying to get in that You and I resist together. Help me not try to resist them using human effort, because I know it won't work; I need Your power.

- Help me not try to use my Jesus-armor to deal with things that are already in me. Help me allow You to use Your power-attitudes in Matthew 5:3-12 to remove those things I have already accepted into my life.

- Help with my will. Since my Jesus-armor only deals with external things that I *don't want* coming into my life. If I don't see anything wrong with something, I will let it in and Your armor won't block it out. Make it clear to me that I have to use my God-given free will to only want righteousness in my life.

The Limits Of my Armor

Jesus, help me see why You put these truths in the order You did. It won't be until I have a better grasp of what You want in my life, that I will be ready to handle this armor. But, help me see that once I have:

- Started taking care of joining You and resisting wrong, bad, and evil with You,

- Started working with You to get those wrong, bad, and evil things out of me,

- Started letting You help me bring my desires into alignment with the Bible, You, and the Holy Spirit in my conscience, I will be much more ready to start using my armor to prevent wrong, bad, and evil things from getting into me in the first place. I know I will never be perfect; but, help me start the process of being cleansed and purified by Your training through these studies.

The Full Armor Of God

The Warrior Inside The Armor

Eph 6:10 (NIV) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Jesus help me see that this is dealing with me, the warrior inside the armor. If I am yielding to You and Your power, then that will activate my Jesus-armor in a very dynamic and successful way.

I Am The One Who Puts It On

Eph 6:11 (NIV) Put on the full armor of God SO THAT you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Jesus, take me through the steps that enable me to put on and use each item of Your armor. Show me that, *that* will empower me to **take** my **stand against the devil's schemes.**

Identifying My Enemy

Eph 6:12 (NIV) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Jesus, up until now, I have been trying to win against the competition, arguing against my adversaries, trying work my way to the top, defeating my opponents, and holding grudges against people. Help me learn from You how to use my armor against Satan, my true enemy. And, let me learn how to treat myself and the people around me.

Getting Ready To Win

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Starting Your Life Of Victory
The Truth Pages Chapter Ten

How To Protect Others
Who Aren't Able To Protect Themselves

The Protection Studies

Illustrating Your Journey

The Strategy Studies

Let's say you want to pick a career you would like to have for the rest of your life. You would have to choose the one that best fit you, your likes, your interests, your talents, and your opportunities for training. You would be in the planning stages of your life. But, you would be setting yourself up for a strategy that would soon be shaping you and your future for the rest of your life. Once you get started, you will be investing your time, effort, and money. You had better be right about this decision you make.

The Submission Studies

Your next step would be one of getting involved in the school, college, or university where they offer this training. If you are a person who is open and focused on those who know what you are wanting to learn, you will be on your way into the training you need for getting the guidance and information needed to head you into that career. If you get distracted, there will be gaps in your training that won't be addressed for the rest of your training. It will be up to you to make sure you submit to all this training.

The Resistance Studies

There will be people all around you who aren't committed to applying themselves for their future. They will be devoting themselves to having fun. They may be attending the same classes as you; but, their priority is to involve themselves in getting their rewards and enjoyment now. They aren't willing to wait until they have been trained and paid the price for getting good at their career before they get involved in other things. These will be people and life-systems you will have to resist, if you are going to be trained.

The Purification Studies

When you enter into your studies and training, you will have your own philosophies, opinions, experiences, and beliefs. In those areas where your way of life is wrong for you being successful in your career, you will have to give up all those things that you have embraced in your past. You will have to allow the new training and systems crowd out the old ways you approached life. You would have to listen and yield to this new way of going about fulfilling the procedures of your life.

The Prevention Studies
As the experts are teaching you the right way to become a professional in your career, there will be students who will be disagreeing with those instructors. They will have opinions based on inadequate information. They will express their opinions with great authority and confidence. But, you will have to put your trust in those who know what they are talking about. Even though many things make sense to you from novices, you will have to keep them from contaminating your education.

The Protection Studies
Finally, you start your career and find yourself well trained and equipped to be successful in a field that you had little or no prior training. You are able to do what you couldn't do before. And, you could do it with great professionalism and effectiveness. From that time on, you are able to help people with things that they have no idea how to do. You are ready to help, protect, train, and advise people in ways that you had no ability to do prior to all your investments in time, effort, and money.

In this illustration, you would be a professional in your own right, there would be so many areas where you would have so much more to offer. That is the way it will be with you and Jesus. But, not only will you be able to help them with their life here on earth, you will be able to show them how to be storing up treasures and opportunities for eternity. As you go through all this study and prayer, Jesus helps you go through each of these levels of training and transformation. He brings you to the place where you are extremely valuable to yourself, other people, and God's plan.

God's Protection Plan For You And Through You
Sharing Every Breakthrough
As you look at the above illustration, you can see that Jesus is training you on how to keep unwelcome things from getting into your life and being in your life. He is also training you on how allow good things to flow into your life and stay there. But, Luke 6:38 shows you that God expects you to share your life of Victorious Living with other people. **Luke 6:38 (NIV) Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.**

Sharing All The Training
As you allow Jesus to help you teach others the things in these studies, you are protecting them while they are learning how to protect themselves. When you spend time with a person, they will share some of the things they are doing. Ask Jesus to help you listen to what they are saying, you will get clues about wrong things they are regularly allowing to come into their life. This will give you opportunities to help them resist these things. You will be able to help them gradually crowd out the bad and embrace the good. Jesus will be using the protection study to teach you how to do these things for your friends.

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The Prayer Pages Chapter Ten

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The Strategy Studies

Jesus, help me see that these studies and prayers are like me picking a career I would like to have for the rest of my life. You are helping me choose a way of life that best fits me, my likes, my interests, my talents, and my opportunities for training. I am now in the planning stages of my life. You are helping me set myself up for a strategy that will soon be shaping me and my future for the rest of my life. Now that I have started, I will be investing my time, effort, and money. I thank You for helping me be right about this decision I am making.

The Submission Studies

Jesus, just like my next step would be getting involved in the school, college, or university where they offer this training, I have to be a person who is only open and focused on You Who know what I am wanting to learn. Help me see that I am on my way into the training I need for getting the guidance and information needed to head me into that life. If I get distracted, there will be gaps in my training that won't be addressed for the rest of my training. Help me make sure I submit to all this training.

The Resistance Studies

Jesus, there are people, all around me, who aren't committed to applying themselves for their future. They are devoting themselves to having fun. They may be working on the same Christianity that I am; but, their priority is to involve themselves in getting their rewards and enjoyment now. They aren't willing to wait until they have been trained and paid the price for getting good at their Christian life before they get involved in other things. Help me see that these are people and life-systems I have to resist, if I am going to be trained by You.

The Purification Studies

Jesus, show me that just like when I enter into my studies and training for a career, I have to give up my own philosophies, opinions, experiences, and beliefs. In those areas where my way of life is wrong for me being successful in my Christian life, I have to give up all those things that I have embraced in my past. Help me allow the new training and systems to crowd out the old ways I approached life. Help me listen to and yield to this new way of going about fulfilling the procedures of my life.

The Prevention Studies

Jesus, as You and the Bible are teaching me the right way to become a professional in my Christian life, there will be students who will be disagreeing with those instructions You and Your Bible give. They will have opinions based on inadequate information. They will express their opinions with great authority and confidence. But, help me put my trust in You, Who know what You are talking about. Even though many things may make sense to me from novices, help me keep them from contaminating my education.

The Protection Studies

Jesus, just like when I finally start my career, I will be well trained and equipped to be successful in an area of Christianity that I had little or no prior training. I will be able to do what I couldn't do before. And, I will be able to do it with great professionalism and effectiveness. From that time on, I will able to help people with things that they have no idea how to do. I will be ready to help, protect, train, and advise people in ways that I had no ability to do prior to all my investments in time, effort, and money in You.

Jesus, in this illustration, I would be a professional in my own right, there would be so many areas where I would have so much more to offer. Show me that, that is the way it will be with You and me. But, help me see that not only will I be able to help them with their life here on earth, I will be able to show them how to be storing up treasures and opportunities for eternity. As you go through all this study and prayer, help me go through each of these levels of training and transformation. Bring me to the place where I am extremely valuable to myself, other people, and God's plan.

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Jesus, as I compare my spiritual growth with this illustration, help me see that You are training me on how to keep unwelcome things from getting into my life and being in my life. You are also training me on how allow good things to flow into my life and stay there. But, let Luke 6:38 show me that God expects me to share my life of Victorious Living with other people. **Luke 6:38 (NIV) Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.**

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Jesus, as I allow You to help me teach others the things in these studies, show me that I am protecting them while they are learning how to protect themselves. When I spend time with a person, they will share some of the things they are doing. Help me listen to what they are saying so I will get clues about wrong things they are regularly allowing to come into their life. Help me understand that this will give me opportunities to help them resist these things. I will be able to help them gradually crowd out the bad and embrace the good. You will be using the protection study to teach me how to do these things for my friends.

God's Protection Plan For You And Through You

Sharing Every Breakthrough

Jesus, as I look at the above illustration, help me see that You are training me how to keep unwelcome things from getting into my life and being in my life. Train me how to allow good things to flow into my life and stay there. And, help me live the Luke 6:38 life. Teach me that God expects me to share my life of Victorious Living with other people. **Luke 6:38 (NIV) Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.** Empower me to live this kind of life as I grow in You.

Sharing All The Training

Jesus, as I allow You to help me teach others the things in these studies, empower me to be protecting them while they are learning how to protect themselves. When I spend time with a person and they share some of the things they are doing, help me listen to what they are saying. Help me get clues about wrong things they are regularly allowing to come into their life. Let this give me opportunities to help them resist these things even though they haven't grown spiritually enough to be taking that study. Use this protection study to teach me how to do these things for my friends.

Introduction To Understanding Your Life Of Victory

This Lasts Forever

It's true that you have had to spend a lot of time, effort, and money getting where you are as a human. But, when you die, it will all dissipate and come to an end. What you are working on with Jesus will never end. Plus, if you let Jesus help you understand it, you can take a lot of what you do here and *transfer* it into eternity. As Jesus changes your motives for why you do what you do, much of what you do will be stored as treasures for your eternity with Him.

Keep in mind that the earth and your life on it was designed by Jesus to represent the spirit realm. When Jesus told people parables, He was using human and earthly events and situations to illustrate God's Kingdom and how to get there. Most of everything you have, are, and will experience are life-classes that have been training you as a child of God. A part of Jesus' training will be to help you take advantage of all the life-classes you are exposed to. This will enhance your understanding in a great and wonderful way.

Understanding Your Life Of Victory
The Truth Pages Chapter Eleven

The Three Persons Of God

God Is One

There are some very important things you need to know about Jesus. Jesus is God, your heavenly Father is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. There aren't three Gods; even though Jesus, the Father, and the Holy Spirit are three persons, they are so united, so in agreement, and so one that they actually make up one God. They do different things, they have levels of position, and they have a relationship with you that is different; but, you are only serving one God. **Mark 12:29 (NIV) "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

God Is Too Complex For Our Minds
Jesus doesn't want you to be confused and lost over the complex make up of Him, the Father, and the Holy Spirit; so, let Him take you where He wants you to go. You will gradually see certain things about your heavenly Father that will help you understand Him better. Jesus will be helping you get acquainted with Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. But, one thing you need to keep in mind: **"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts (Isa 55:8-9 NIV)."**

You Can Learn A Lot About God
Your first step into a relationship with God is for you to learn *about* Him. Learning about Him is just theoretical; your next step is the best one; you will be experiencing more and more *of* God. You have to learn some things *about* God; but, you must not be satisfied with that. You and He will establish a relationship that will be personal and real. Even though God is more than you have the ability to know all about, your first step of getting to know Him is to know He exists.

Proof That God Exists

Human Deception
Rom 1:18 (NIV) The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness. There are people who claim to be atheists; they claim to believe there is no God; they try to prove that all the incredible things you see out in the universe and all you see around you on this earth, and all you see about your body came into existence accidently through evolution. However, *God* says He created them in six days.

Clear And Powerful Evidence
Rom 1:19 (NIV) Since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. Anyone who wants to, can go out into the world around them and see that it took incredible power and intelligence to come up with the idea, develop the plan, and put together the planet and the life on this planet. Starting from nothing, God invented everything you see. You can easily see that all the lifeforms on this planet have gaps between them. They didn't gradually evolve and mutate from one lifeform to another. Each specie stands alone with a huge gap between them and all other species. All the trees, bushes, grass, animals, fish, birds, bugs, and reptiles are completely different from one another. God created them just like He said He did. But, He allows you to believe whatever you want.

Getting To Know God
Rom 1:20 (NIV) For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--His eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. The dating process humans use trying to determine how old the planet and the universe are, fails to take one important thing into account. Just like Adam and Eve would "appear" to be quite a few years old *right after* being created, so was the heavens and the earth. The trees had rings in them indicating they were many years old *right after* creation. The earth had oil, strata layers, fossils, and many evidences of being very old *right after* creation.

You Can Believe What You Want

God Has Given You Proof

Rom 1:21 (NIV) For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. There has been a moment in your life where God revealed Himself to you. There was a moment when you were looking up into the sky or at some aspect of God's *creation* and it spoke to you. All of a sudden you *knew* God existed; but, atheists, agnostics, and secular humanists started presenting their wickedness to you. **The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness.** However, they probably did some extensive damage to God's creation-proof to you.

True Science

Rom 1:22 (NIV) Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools. All the atheists, agnostics, and secular humanists that you meet knew God exists. There was a moment in their life where God's creation spoke into their heart. **Rom 1:19-20 (NIV) Since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--His eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.** They may be fools now; but, every one of them knew God and His incredible **invisible qualities--His eternal power and divine nature.**

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Rom 1:21 (NIV) For although they KNEW God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. You may have tried to make a deal with these "scientists" by saying that maybe God used evolution as a part of His creation. *But*, keep in mind that when one living creature becomes extinct, it puts the whole planet in jeopardy. The animals are dependent on the oxygen from plants and plants are dependent on the cardon dioxide from animals. They are like the working components and parts in your car or your body. When God said He did each thing in a day, He did it in a day. But, it is up to you as to whether or not you believe in the incredible power of God or the foolish ramblings of atheists, agnostics, and secular humanists.

God, The Creator

What You Believe Affects You

Heb 11:6 (NIV) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. You may believe that the universe, this planet, and all the living things on it have an intelligent design. You may believe there is *a* god; but, if you don't believe in *the* God, you will fail God's test. In Genesis, God defined what a day was. **Gen 1:4-5 (NIV) God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning--the first day.** The more you see that God is so intelligent and powerful that He created all these living things in six days rather than six billion years, the more you will get to know Who He really is.

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A Prayer That Is Being Prayed For You

Get To Know God Better

Eph 1:17 (NIV) I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, SO THAT you may know Him better. You are only going to grow spiritually in those areas where you *don't* limit Who God is and what He is willing and able to do.

Get To Know The Hope, Riches, And Power

Eph 1:18-19a (NIV) I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened IN ORDER THAT you may know the HOPE to which He has called you, the RICHES of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His INCOMPARABLY GREAT POWER for us who believe. These things may not have the impact on you that they will as you yield to sanctification and start growing spiritually. *But*, the answers to this prayer that is being prayed for you will help you *get* these things, and, them become real to you.

Jesus Is Raised From The Dead

Eph 1:19b-21 (NIV) That POWER is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. As you can see, you have a lot to learn about how powerful God is. And, you need to allow this intelligent, powerful God be God in your life. If you do, you will not limit Him or keep Him from working miracles and supernatural things in you, for you, with you, and through you.

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Rom 1:19 (NIV) Since what may be known about God is plain to them, <u>because God has made it plain to them</u>. Jesus, help me realize that anyone who wants to, can go out into the world around them and see that it took incredible power and intelligence to come up with the ideas, develop the plans, and put together the planet and the life on it. Show me that starting from nothing, God invented everything I see. Show me that I can easily see that all the lifeforms on this planet have gaps between them. They didn't gradually evolve and mutate from one lifeform to another. Each specie stands alone with a huge gap between them and all other species. All the trees, bushes, grass, animals, fish, birds, bugs, and reptiles are completely different. Make it clear to me that God created them just like He said He did. But, help me understand that He allows me to believe whatever I want.

Getting To Know God

Rom 1:20 (NIV) For since the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities--His eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. Jesus, teach me that the dating process that humans use to try to determine how old the planet and the universe are, fails to take one important thing into account. Just like Adam and Eve would appear" to be quite a few years old *right after* being created, so was the heavens and the earth. Show me that the trees had rings in them indicating they were many years old *right after* creation. The earth had oil, strata layers, fossils, and many evidences of being very old *right after* creation.

I Can Believe What I Want

God Has Given Me Proof

Rom 1:21 (NIV) For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Jesus, help me remember the moment in my life where God revealed Himself to me. Show me that there was a moment when I was looking up into the sky or at some aspect of God's *creation* and it spoke to me. All of a sudden, I *knew* God existed; but, atheists, agnostics, and secular humanists started presenting their wickedness to me. **The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness.** They did some extensive damage to me. Heal me from all the damage they have done to me.

True Science

Rom 1:22 (NIV) Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools. Jesus, make it clear to me that all the atheists, agnostics, and secular humanists that I meet knew God exists. There was a moment in their life where God's creation spoke it into their heart. **Rom 1:19-20 (NIV) Since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--His eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.** They may be fools now; but, everyone of them knew God and His **invisible qualities--His eternal power and divine nature.** Help me to always be convinced of this fact about them.

False Science

Rom 1:21 (NIV) For although they KNEW God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Jesus, I may have tried to make a deal with these "scientists" by saying that maybe God used evolution as a part of His creation. *But*, show me that if I make one aspect of the living creatures on this planet extinct, it puts the whole planet in jeopredy. Teach me that the existence of each specie is interdependent of all the others. They are like the working components and parts in my car or my body. Make it clear to me that when God said He did each thing in a day, He did it in a day. But, it is up to me as to whether or not I believe in the incredible power of God or the foolish ramblings of atheists, agnostics, and secular humanists. Help me to totally believe You and Your words.

God, The Creator

What I Believe Affects Me

Heb 11:6 (NIV) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. Jesus, I may believe that the universe, this planet, and all the living things on it have an intelligent design. I may believe there is *a* god; but, if I don't believe in *the* God, I will fail God's test. Show me that the more I can see that God is so intelligent and powerful that He created all these living things in six days rather than six billion years, the more I will be able to get to know Him. **Gen 1:4-5 (NIV) God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning--the first day.**

What I Believe About God Affects Me

Heb 11:6 (NIV) And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. Jesus, if God is going to be God in my life, teach me that I am going to have to get to know Him. I am going to have to know the truth about Him; I am going to have to allow Him to show me Who He is, what He can do, and what kind of God He is. Help me learn His knowledge, His foreknowledge of the future, His understanding, His wisdom, and His power.

A Prayer That Is Being Prayed For Me

Get To Know God Better

Jesus, help me receive this prayer into my heart, mind, will, and life: **Eph 1:17 (NIV) I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, SO THAT you may know Him better.** Jesus, help me see that I am only going to grow spiritually in those areas where I *don't* limit Who God is and what He is willing and able to do.

Get To Know The Hope, Riches, And Power

Eph 1:18-19a (NIV) I pray also that <u>the eyes of your heart may be enlightened</u> IN ORDER THAT you may know the HOPE to which He has called you, the RICHES of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His INCOMPARABLY GREAT POWER for us who believe. Jesus, teach me that these things may not have the impact on me that they will as I yield to sanctification and start growing spiritually. But, the answers to this prayer that is being prayed for me will help me get these things and will become real to me.

Jesus Is Raised From The Dead

Eph 1:19b-21 (NIV) That POWER is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, <u>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come</u>. Jesus, help me see that I have a lot to learn about how powerful God is. And, I need to allow this intelligent, powerful God to be God in my life. If I do, I will not limit Him or keep Him from working miracles and supernatural things in me, for me, with me, and through me.

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Mat 11:27 (NIV) All things have been committed to Me by My Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son <u>and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him</u>. Jesus' main objective is to help you get to know God, the Father. He chooses to reveal Him to all those who accept Him as their Lord, Savior, and King. The way Jesus helps you get to know God, the Father is to represent Him to you.

Jesus Reveals The Father's Heart

John 6:37-40 (NIV) All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and <u>whoever comes to Me I will never drive away</u>. For I have come down from heaven <u>not to do My will but to do the will of Him Who sent Me</u>. And this is the will of Him Who sent Me, <u>that I shall lose none of all that He has given Me, but raise them up at the last day</u>. For My Father's will is that <u>everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life</u>, and I will raise Him up at the last day. Jesus is showing you the heart of the Father; He is letting you know what God's will is for you. This helps you love your heavenly Father and know Him better.

Jesus Reveals The Father's Work
John 14:8-10 (NIV) Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know Me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? The words I say to you are not just My own. Rather, it is the Father, living in Me, Who is doing His work." When you see Jesus doing His work in the Gospels, you see God, the Father's works. Now that you have seen the Father through Jesus, it is time for you to meet God, the Holy Spirit.

Meet The Holy Spirit

You Have Been Experiencing The Holy Spirit
John 16:8 (NIV) When He (the Holy Spirit) comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment. Ever since you became mature enough to know the difference between right and wrong, you have been experiencing the Holy Spirit in your conscience. The *only* reason you have the ability to know when you are doing something right or wrong is because the Holy Spirit is speaking it into your conscience. But, before you got Jesus' power through salvation and justification, you went ahead and did wrong things anyway. **James 4:17 (NIV) Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.**

You have known the Holy Spirit and how He sees things for most of your life. Prior to Jesus' power, you didn't yield to the Holy Spirit's influence; but, you and He have been just as close as your conscience. So, if you will go back to some of the things your conscience dealt with you about, you will familiarize yourself with some of your experiences with the Holy Spirit. That will help you get to know Him better. That will help you see how He has been influencing you to treat yourself and others better. You will see His love for you and the people around you.

The Holy Spirit Represents Jesus
John 16:13 (NIV) But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come. Jesus is the Truth; and, the Holy Spirit **will guide you into all truth.** The Holy Spirit will be speaking directly to your spirit and teaching you more and more about Jesus: **He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears.**

John 16:14 (NIV) He will bring glory to Me BY taking from what is Mine and making it known to you. The Holy Spirit won't be talking to you about Himself; He will be revealing more and more of Jesus to you. He will take the Scriptures in the Bible and helping you get to know Jesus in a much better way. He will be helping you yield to Jesus so He can live in and through you. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, you and Jesus will be working to make your life better. Then you and Jesus will be using your breakthroughs to make the lives of others better.

John 16:15 (NIV) All that belongs to the Father is Mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is Mine and make it known to you. The more the Holy Spirit reveals Jesus to you, the more you will know your heavenly Father. The character of the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit will become clear to you as the Holy Spirit **guides you into all truth.** If you look over these three verses, you will see the oneness of God. You will see the person of the Father, the person of Jesus, and the person of the Holy Spirit. But, you will see how they are in total unity. This will help you understand and love God in all three personal manifestations.

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1 Cor 6:19-20 (NIV) Do you not know that <u>your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you</u>, Whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. Through the Holy Spirit being in you, you have *God* in you. The Holy Spirit being in you brings Jesus and the Father into you. This gives you direct access to full communication with your heavenly Father and Jesus. The Holy Spirit is tying you to them so you can receive all God has to offer you.

You Got The Holy Spirit In You Through Your New Birth

John 3:6-7 (NIV) Flesh gives birth to flesh, <u>but the Spirit gives birth to spirit</u>. You should not be surprised at My saying, 'You must be born again.' The Holy Spirit caused you to become a child of God, a member of His family, and a citizen of God's eternal Kingdom. **Rom 8:9 (NIV) You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, <u>if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ</u>.** When you were born again, the Holy Spirit, which is the Spirit of Christ, came into you.

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Rom 8:16 (NIV) The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. The reason you know you have been born into God's family is because the Holy Spirit is speaking that fact into your spirit. Now that you have Spirit-to-spirit communication, God doesn't have to use words to talk to you. Jesus can make things known to you in an instant. You can start knowing, seeing, understanding, and feeling things straight from the Spirit of God. As you are reading your Bible, a truth will all of a sudden become clear and obvious to you. As you are going about your day, what you should do will suddenly be obvious to you.

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Making Jesus The LORD Of Your Life

In Romans 10:9-10 you followed some instructions that made you a child of God, a member of His family, and a citizen of His eternal Kingdom. In two simple steps, you obeyed Jesus' requirements from the Bible and miraculous, supernatural, and God-sized things happened to you. But, when you obeyed these two verses, you probably didn't understand fully what you were doing. Let Jesus show you one of the important aspects of Romans 10:9-10.

Using Your Mouth And Your Faith

Rom 10:9-10 (NIV) That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, <u>you will be saved</u>. For it is with your heart that you believe <u>and are justified</u>, and it is with your mouth that you confess <u>and are saved</u>. When you **confessed with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord,"** you were making Him *your* Lord. You were saying that you were going to allow Him to be *your* Boss. But, that type of relationship with Jesus isn't like any earthly king, boss, employer, leader, or authority relationship you have ever seen or experienced. Since you have a God-given free will, you have to allow Jesus to be your Lord on a moment-by-moment, issue-by-issue basis. That is an unusual authority relationship.

Your Record With God

1 John 1:9 (NIV) <u>If we confess our sins</u>, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and <u>purify us from ALL unrighteousness</u>. Now that you have obeyed Romans 10:9-10, when you make a mistake, accidently sin, or do wrong on purpose, all you have to do is, confess you sins and your record with God will remain pure and perfect. **2 Cor 5:21 (NIV) God made Him Who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become <u>the righteousness of God</u>.** Moment-by-moment and issue-by-issue you can continue to be **the righteousness of God.** As long as you don't try to justify your sin, explain it away, forgive *yourself*, or try to get your friends to convince you that it wasn't your fault, you can confess it and remain **the righteousness of God.**

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Rom 7:15 (NIV) I do not understand what I DO. For what I WANT to do I do not do, but what I HATE I do. This is how the new and untrained *Christian* treats themselves and those around them. But, as long as you *want* to do good and *hate* doing wrong, bad, and evil, your record *with God* stays clean. *And*, if you *really* do *want* and *hate* those things the Bible and the Holy Spirit are speaking to your conscience, then you remain pure *with God*. All those things in your life that are wrong, bad, and evil relationships with yourself and others can be cured through sanctification (spiritual growth). **Rom 7:24 (NIV) What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?**

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1 John 1:8 (NIV) If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. What causes you to try to hide your sins from God? When the Holy Spirit convicts you of a sin and makes you feel guilty, what causes you to try to forgive yourself, justify yourself, explain it away, and go to your friends to see if they will tell you it wasn't your fault? The world has taught you self-esteem and self-confidence. In the principles of the world, you *are* your deeds. If you do or say good things, you are considered to be a good person. If you do or say wrong, bad, or evil things, the world considers you a wrong, bad, or evil person.

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1 John 1:9 (NIV) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from ALL unrighteousness. If you have God-esteem and God-confidence, then you will evaluate ourselves based on our record *with God*. **Rom 7:20 (NIV) Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.** If you agree with this principle, then you will be willing to stand with Jesus on one side of the line and deal with the deeds of your body. Since the deeds of your body don't represent *you*, you and Jesus can attack them and *not* attack you.

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Rom 12:1 (NIV) Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

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Jesus is willing and able to help you with your issue with life. But, the problem you face with getting Jesus' help *with anything* is understanding how life with Jesus works.

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Human Effort And World Training

Christianity Has A Different System

Rom 7:15 (NIV) <u>I do not understand what I do</u>. For what I <u>want to do</u> I do not do, but <u>what I hate</u> I do. This is a person who has had a lot of world training. They have had *a lot* of success in their human life. But, now that they are a Christian, they are finding that all they have learned and all they have got good at isn't working in the Christian life. They have become a child of God, a member of His family, and a citizen in His Kingdom by using a procedure that would *never* work in the human world.

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Rom 10:8 (NIV) But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your MOUTH and in your HEART," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: This isn't a technique you learned in your human school. All through life you have been learning how to use your hands and legs to get things done. Jesus was trying to show His disciples how the spirit realm works; so, He explained it this way: **Mat 17:19-20 (NIV) Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have FAITH as small as a mustard seed, you can SAY to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."**

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The World Taught You Wrong

How To Win A Race

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Training A Child Of God

Being A Student

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Being A Student Of Faith

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James 4:1 (NIV) What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? As long as you are your main interest, you will use techniques that you think are best for you. You won't be able to **in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you (Mat 7:12a).** You will find yourself trying to get Jesus and Christianity to make sure *you* get *your* needs met. If your focus is on you, your receptivity to training will be all about *you* and *your* needs.

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You do not have, because you do not ask God. Are you sure you want anything that doesn't come through God? Do you want a career that God doesn't want you to have? Do you want a job that you didn't ask God about? Do you want goals, plans, and strategies that you didn't get from God? Do you want to keep trying to find happiness through the world, your body, or the devil? Learning to get everything by asking God will bring *far more* than happiness. But, we all *try* to apply these Christian principles to motives that look good to us but don't to God.

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Developing A Strategy
Jesus has a wonderful plan for you; He has made sure you were born with the right type of body, the right parents, in the right place on this planet, at the right time, with the right gender, and with the right talents, likes and dislikes, life classes, circumstances, and experiences to get you ready for your future. He is making sure you get the best Biblical training so He can empower you to be the very best there is in Him. But, for you to get into this very best for you, there are things He has to teach you; there are things He has to do to you, for you, in you, and through you. He has properly prepared you for all those things you need so that you can reach your full potential.

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Would You Like To Get Into God's Plan?

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Rom 8:29-28 (NIV) For those God FOREKNEW He also PREDESTINED to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified. There are all kinds of roads to travel on. But, we could just try to create our own path for where we want to go. God knew you before you were born; that is what Romans 8:29 is talking about when it uses the word, "foreknew." He foreknew all the things that would give you your very best opportunity to reach your greatest potential. So, He made perfect decisions for you, your life, your circumstances, and your opportunities. <u>He didn't make any mistakes</u>!

Predestination

There is a path you can take that will get you to the very best destination for you. But, just because God "paved" a road just for you doesn't mean you will get on it. Your attitudes and character can cause you to take a path that is very hard, dangerous, and wrong for you. However, Jesus has a plan that can get you on the right path and moving forward in a powerful way. His strategy is to help you get the attitudes and character that help you cooperate with God's plan for your life. The right attitudes and character will empower you to love those things God loves.

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Jesus is going to be teaching you, leading you, and empowering you to trust in the Lord. It isn't always clear to you what trusting in the Lord is. You also need special tools for helping you put your trust in the Lord. Also, you need to realize that trusting in the Lord isn't an all-inclusive, one big moment event. You have to trust in the Lord moment-by-moment and issue-by-issue. You can trust Him one moment over one issue and not trust Him in the next. This moment-by-moment, issue-by-issue concept builds a constant relationship with Jesus. It helps you be constantly talking things over with Him.

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Jesus, make it clear that not only do I need to be looking to You for all Your knowledge, foreknowledge of the future, understanding, and wisdom, when You give me great ideas and feelings, help me be sure to acknowledge the fact that it all came from You. Help me give God the credit, the praise, the worship, the thanks, and the appreciation for it. **Rom 1:21 (NIV) For although they knew God, <u>they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him</u>, but their thinking BECAME futile and their foolish hearts WERE darkened.** Teach me that this is the results of what happens to me if I don't "do what it takes" to get into God's plan for my life.

He Will Make My Paths Straight

Jesus, help me understand that once You have trained me and empowered me to fulfill this Scripture, You will help me be at the right place, at the right time, doing, saying the right things, to the right people. Rather than me using trial and error methods, world training, human effort, or satanic influences, I will live a life that stays on target. My goals, relationships, and results will be directed by You. You will help me reach the right kind of goals that will help me succeed on earth and will enhance my eternal life. Make it clear to me that as You take me through these studies, You will help me live out this Scripture.

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Reading And Praying

Food has materials that are used to build the cells in your body. It also has energy or power from the sun. You don't have to remember what you ate; you just have to eat it. Spiritual food has materials that build you up spiritually and it has Jesus' power in it. You may not remember much of what you have read and prayed for so far; but, because you read it and prayed for it to do its work in you, it is in you building you up and helping you yield to Jesus and His power.

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Pray and ask Jesus to help you see why you have embraced wrong, bad, and evil things. He is willing to take you through these Submission Studies while helping you understand the reasons behind His teachings. As you *allow* Him to help you see why you need these new things in your life, your relationship with Him will grow. You will see how wise, gracious, and loving He is. You will learn to trust Him with more and more of your life.

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Resisting wrong things, such as life problems, you are regularly allowing to enter into your life.

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Living Your Life Of Victory
Introduction

Plan On Enjoying Christianity

Just like there are negative things you want Jesus to deliver you from such as your struggles with life, there are also negative experiences and circumstances that you want Jesus to set you free from as well. However, God doesn't just want to deliver you from life issues or these negative experiences and circumstances, He wants to replace them with positive, powerful, and wonderful things.

Focus On The Victory

Jesus isn't going to take you through Living Victoriously just so you can win over all the painful, harmful, and negative things in your life, He is mostly going to get your life filled with positive, happy, and joyous things. In this study and prayer time, Jesus will be introducing you into what you can expect from your heavenly Father. He has special plans for you that He wants you to become aware of. He wants you to start heading into a new way of life that fills you with great and wonderful thoughts and feelings.

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Your Four Major Parts

You have four major parts to you that God needs opened to Him. Let Jesus help you understand these four parts of you called: your *heart*, your *soul*, your *mind*, and your *strength*. Your body has a brain that your *mind* uses; your brain is in your body and your mind is in your spirit. A part of your brain contains a storage system that is often called the subconscious mind. It is the part of your brain your *heart* uses.

The subconscious mind is in your body and your heart is in your spirit. Your *soul* is the mechanism that ties your body and your spirit together. You have to have it to live here on earth; it is your human life; it is how you as a spirit being are able to access your brain so your mind can tell your body what to do. If you lose your soul, you lose your life. You have to leave the planet and go see your Maker.

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- Your body is *where* you live; it is animalistic and bases its decisions on selfish, self-centered, and pleasure-oriented experiences. It has a will, desires, and animalistic drives that have to be brought under your and Jesus' control.

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1 Cor 2:16 (NIV) "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" <u>But we have the mind of Christ</u>. Jesus, make it clear to me that now I **have the mind of Christ;** I *can* understand spiritual principles; I *can* be trained in on how to live the *powerful* child of God life. I have Your mind, Jesus; I have the Holy Spirit inside me ready to explain the Bible to me; and, I am being led into these studies by You so I can give up my human, world training and learn God's way of doing things. Teach me that as a child of God, I need to learn how to win over this life and how to get ready to do awesome, supernatural things in eternity.

Living Your Life Of Victory
The Truth Pages Chapter Twenty-Two

Your Spirit Dealing With Your Heart

Mark 12:30 (NIV) Love the Lord your God with all your HEART and with all your SOUL and with all your MIND and with all your STRENGTH.

Your heart is WHAT you are basing your life on now; it makes its decisions and communicates with you through feelings and emotions.

Who And What You Are

Your Heart Has Been Trained By The World

Jer 17:9-10 (NIV) The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? "I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve." The world taught you to follow your heart. They told you that if it "feels" good, do it. They asked you: "How can it be wrong, when it feels so right?" Here's how it can be wrong even if it feels like it is right: **Prov 16:25 (NIV) There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.**

Your Heart Is Fighting Your Spirit

When the Bible talks about your heart, it isn't talking about that organ that pumps your blood all over your body. It is talking about a powerful area in your spirit that communicates with you by giving you strong feelings and emotions. It is the area where all your emotions and your attitudes and character reside. This Biblical term, heart, is in reference to that area which represents what you are basing your life, decisions, choices, and actions on now; your heart does not think logical thoughts; it just gives you feelings based on certain past experiences and current belief systems.

Your Spirit Must Want To Change Your Heart
Rom 2:5 (NIV) But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant HEART, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when His righteous judgment will be revealed. Your heart is more powerful and influential than your mind. It can make you do things you really don't want to do; and, it can keep you from doing things you do want to do. You and Jesus will need to do a lot of work on your heart. But, it is your heart; it may contain things you really like about it. When Jesus tries to get you to repent, you may not want to. This makes Romans 2:5 apply to you: **Because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant HEART, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath.**

Your Spirit's Challenge
Rom 2:6-7 (NIV) God "will give to each person according to what he has done." To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, He will give eternal life. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. Your spirit can't make sure you do the right things; your spirit can *want* to do the right things and *hate* doing the wrong things; but, that's all it can do. You will have to "do what it takes" to get Jesus' help. You, as a spirit being, need to learn how to work together with Jesus so *He* can help you have **persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality** so **He will give** you **eternal life.**

The Desires Of Your Heart
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2 Tim 2:15 (AKJV) Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. If you will allow Jesus to train, empower, and help you with your heart, He has a way for you to win over all those things that are fighting you. You are a child of God; you are here to learn how to live in the spirit realm; you, as a spirit being, need to learn how to use spiritual tools, principles, and truths. Just like you have had to study hard to learn how to do the things you do on this planet, you need to get ready for eternity; it takes Jesus' training. **2 Th 3:5 (NIV) May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.**

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Jesus Wants To Train Your Mind
Rom 12:2 (NIV) Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but <u>be transformed by the renewing of your mind</u>. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--His good, pleasing and perfect will. You, a spirit being, need help getting your mind retrained. Once you mind is **renewed** through the **transforming** power of Jesus, **you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--His good, pleasing and perfect will.** That gives your spirit a new freedom and liberty to live according to God's will.

Your Spirit Needs Power
Eph 3:16 (NIV) That out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with POWER through His Spirit <u>in your inner being</u>. For you to handle the difficult assignment of getting your heart and mind in cooperations with Jesus, your spirit needs power. Jesus **out of His glorious riches** will **strengthen you with POWER through His Spirit.** He just needs you to allow Him to train you through Biblical principles. You job is to expose yourself to these studies. His job is to empower you with His Word, the Bible, and through His Holy Spirit. Your job is simple and easy; His job is a labor of love. He *wants* you to live The Victorious Christian Life.

You Need Faith And Love
Eph 3:17 (NIV) So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love. If you allow Him to, Jesus will maintain residence in your heart. But, you must receive His faith spoken into your heart so you can believe. But, as Jesus continues to take you through these studies, you will grow spiritual roots that will establish you in Him. He will become your source of training, power, and guidance to live a victorious life.

You Need To Grasp Jesus' Love
Eph 3:17b-18 (NIV) I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. There is a way for Jesus to train and empower you so your **inner being,** your spirit, can start to comprehend how much Jesus loves you. He will show you a type of love that will be beyond anything you have ever imagined.

You Need A Love That Goes Beyond Information
Eph 3:19 (NIV) And to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. At first you will go through these studies with Jesus and just try to learn information. You will use your *mind* to remember facts and truths. You will try to study these Biblical principles the way you learned how to study human, worldly information. You will devote your *mind* to searching for how *you* can apply yourself to making changes. You will be looking for formulas, systems, and methods that will help *you* do what you need to do. But, as hard as you apply yourself, you will find yourself inadequate for the assignment.

There are steps you will be given that you will have to follow; but, Jesus will lead you into looking to Him for fulfilling them. Little by little you will become less dependent on yourself and more dependent on Him. The more you look to God for the source of your spiritual and Biblical growth, the more Christianity will start to work. You will learn how to be a child of God who knows how to live in the spirit realm.

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You And Your Body Are Not The Same

Your Body Is Animalistic

When you look at an animal, you will see that it has survival drives. It will do its best to get the food it needs, the protection it needs, and the position it needs. Depending on the type of animal, its methods of survival are either devious or aggressive. Different people's bodies approach these survival procedures like different kinds of animals, if not brought under the fruit of the Spirit. Your body has certain characteristics that, if compared with the large variety of animals on the planet, will demonstrate one type of procedure or another. You may not be allowing it to freely exercise these procedures; but, if left to its own devices, it will.

Your body has procreation drives; these sex drives are also handled from an animalistic level, if not controlled. But, there are civilized approaches, spiritual approaches, and animalistic approaches. While using a certain amount of being civilized, here are the types of animalistic things your body wants to do: **Gal 5:19-21 (NIV) The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery (excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures); idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

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Rom 7:22-24 (NIV) For in my inner being I delight in God's law; But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? If you are currently finding yourself living like Romans 7:15-24, then you need Jesus to show you, a spirit being, how to start winning over your body. He has some power-emotions for you, a spirit being, that help to overcome the drives of your body. **Gal 5:22-23 (NIV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.**

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Rom 8:13-14 (NIV) For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. The **sinful nature** is in your body; the Holy Spirit is also in your body. But, He is inside you to help and empower you to take control over your body. Your spirit can take advantage of the Holy Spirit's power and **put to death the misdeeds of the body.** It is a choice on your part: **but IF by the Spirit YOU put to death the misdeeds of the body.** First, you have to want or *desire* to use the Holy Spirit's power. Second, you have to *study* and learn how to use the Holy Spirit's power.

Jesus Is Ready To Teach Your Spirit
John 16:13 (NIV) But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come.

The Holy Spirit ties you directly to Jesus; your spirit and the Holy Spirit are connected directly to all Jesus is. Just like your phone helps you communicate with people who are far away from you, so does the Holy Spirit connect you to Jesus. But, He does it in a very real and personal way. He gives you a communication connection with Jesus that is on a Spirit-to-spirit level.

It Is All About Jesus

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Spirit Language

Rom 8:26 (NIV) In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groans that WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS. You have the mind of Jesus: **1 Cor 2:16 (NIV) "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.** Your mind of Jesus is tied to Jesus' mind; you and He can communicate by you knowing, seeing, feeling, and understanding something He wants you to *experience*. Without words, you will suddenly know, see, feel, and understand something directly from Jesus through the Holy Spirit. It will be just like you experienced it in real life.

It Isn't Human Training

1 John 2:27 (NIV) As for you, the anointing you received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as His anointing teaches you about ALL things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit--just as it has taught you, remain in Him. These studies are useless without Jesus using them to teach you through the Holy Spirit. It isn't what these words say that matters as much as what you get out of them. You get cheated, if they try to give your Spirit words that set you free; but, your spirit can't hear, understand, and yield to them. **Mark 4:9 (NIV) Then Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."** These study words must be used by Jesus to teach your spirit. *And*, your spirit must have **ears to hear.**

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My Spirit Has Help

Jesus, make it clear to me that **if** I **live according to the sinful nature,** I **will die; but if by the Spirit** I **put to death the misdeeds of the body,** I **will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God (Rom 8:13-14).** Teach me that the **sinful nature** is in my body; the Holy Spirit is also in my body. But, help me see that He is inside me to help and empower me to take control over my body. Help me understand that my spirit can take advantage of the Holy Spirit's power and **put to death the misdeeds of the body.** Show me that it is a choice on my part: **but IF by the Spirit YOU put to death the misdeeds of the body.** Teach me that first, I have to want or *desire* to use the Holy Spirit's power. Second, I have to *study* and learn how to use the Holy Spirit's power.

Jesus Is Ready To Teach My Spirit

Jesus, since the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, has come inside me, **He will guide** me **into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell** me **what is yet to come (John 16:13).** Teach me that the Holy Spirit ties me directly to You; my spirit and the Holy Spirit are connected directly to all You are. Just like my phone helps me communicate with people who are far away from me, so does the Holy Spirit connect me to You. But, help me understand that He does it in a very real and personal way. He gives me a communication connection with You that is on a Spirit-to-spirit level.

It Is All About Jesus

Jesus, since the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, has come inside me, **He will guide** me **into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell** me **what is yet to come. He will bring glory to** You **by taking from what is** Yours **and making it known to** me**. All that belongs to the Father is** Yours**. That is why** You **said <u>the Spirit will take from what is Mine and make it known to you</u> (John 16:13-15).** Show me that just like my phone doesn't speak on its own, **He (the Holy Spirit) will NOT speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears.** Help me see that it will be like You are right there with my spirit. You and me will speak Spirit to spirit in a spiritual language that is much more powerful and efficient than human communication.

Spirit Language

Jesus, teach me that **in the same way, the Spirit helps** me **in** my **weakness.** I **do not know what** I **ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for** me **with groans that WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS (Rom 8:26).** Make it clear to me that I have Your mind: **"For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But** I **have the mind of Christ (1 Cor 2:16).** Teach me that my Jesus mind is tied to You; You and I can communicate by me knowing, seeing, feeling, and understanding things You want me to experience. I will suddenly know, see, feel, and understand something directly from You through the Holy Spirit. It will be just like I experienced it in real life.

It Isn't Human Training

Jesus, help me understand that **as for** me**, the anointing** I **received from Him remains in** me**, and** I **do not need anyone to teach** me**. But as His anointing teaches** me **about ALL things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit--just as it has taught** me, empower me to **remain in** You **(1 John 2:27).** Make it clear to me that these studies are useless without You using them to teach me through the Holy Spirit. It isn't what these words say that matters as much as what I get out of them. If they try to give my spirit words that set me free; but, my spirit can't hear, understand, and yield to them, then I get cheated. **Mark 4:9 (NIV) Then Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."** These study words must be used by You to teach my spirit. A*nd*, my spirit must have **ears to hear.**

Living Your Life Of Victory
The Truth Pages Chapter Twenty-Five

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it is the real you and CAN base its decisions on spiritual concepts.

You Are Being Trained For Eternity

Rev 1:6 (AKJV) And has made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Rev 5:10 (AKJV) And has made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. 1 Cor 6:3 (NIV) Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more the things of this life! As a child of God, a member of His family, and a citizen of His Kingdom, you need to be taught by Jesus how to live this kind of life. Jesus lived this life in front of us so we could see and understand what He has in mind. He gave you instructions; and, provided you with provisions and power to become a mature child of God. As a spirit being, you have opportunities to grow in a mighty way.

SPIRITual Growth
Eph 4:11-13 (NIV) It was He (Jesus) Who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God <u>and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ</u>.

These studies are from apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. Jesus is using them to speak to you so you can be prepared **for works of service, so that** you **may be built up until** you **reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God <u>and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ</u>.**

Applying Yourself
Jesus said in **John 15:1-5 (NIV): "I am the true vine, and My Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. <u>Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me</u>. I am the vine; you are the branches. <u>If a man remains in Me and I in him</u>, he will bear much fruit; <u>apart from Me you can do nothing</u>.** The pressure isn't on you; all you have to do is put your faith, trust, reliance, and dependency on Jesus and He will empower you to do the rest.

Just Yield To Jesus
Apart from Me you can do nothing: The first and most important thing for you is, you need to *desire* to grow spiritually. One of the things that can help you desire this is the fact that you want Jesus to help you with your issue with life. That desire is helping you *want* to "do what it takes" to get Jesus' help. Another thing that can help you want to grow spiritually is to see what God has for those who do. He is not only empowering you to be set free from your struggles with life, He is helping you trade it for The Victorious Christian Life. If you understand and *desire* to get all God has for you, it will automatically drive out those things that are hurting you.

Learn How To Yield To Jesus
If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit: There are two parts to your growing spiritually and being set free from your struggles with life. It is a simple matter of learning how to get your eyes off of human help and put them on Jesus. The moment your faith, trust, dependency, and reliance are on you or other humans is the moment you cease to remain in Jesus. Your success in life and in eternity are dependent on you learning how to *let* Jesus teach you how to get your needs met through Him. If a solution doesn't come right away through Jesus and you start looking for some other way, then you aren't remaining in Jesus. Let Jesus show you how to win at life so you will automatically win in eternity.

Looking At Jesus' Purpose For Your Growth

Jesus gave a special parable, which is an illustration for explaining spiritual truths. In this parable He explains the correlation between your success here on earth and your success in eternity.

Training For Eternity

Luke 19:12-13 (NIV) He (Jesus) said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.'

Luke 19:14-15a (NIV) But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.' He was made king, however, and returned home.

Luke 19:15b-17 (NIV) Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it. The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.' 'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.'

Luke 19:18-19 (NIV) The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.' His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities.'

Luke 19:20-23 (NIV) Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.' His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?'

Luke 19:24-26 (NIV) Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.' 'Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!' He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away.

Luke 19:27 (NIV) But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them--bring them here and kill them in front of me.'"

Living For Eternity

All of the Biblical principles are capable of being used in your daily life. As a matter of fact, Jesus expects you to apply them to everything you do. If you live a Biblical life, you are living for eternity. For every Biblical principle you add to your life-system, you are making your life count for eternity. Every human or world system you use during your day only counts for here on earth. The servant that increased his ten minas did so in representation of *your* activities here on earth. The ten cites he is being put in charge of represent *your* eternal opportunities in heaven. The power for this man to succeed in this life was represented in the minas. The provisions of Jesus to you will be a special power to live successfully. Without those minas, the servant wouldn't have had an opportunity to succeed.

Living In Righteousness

If you take your salvation and justification and multiply them in your daily life, it prepares you for greater and greater rewards and opportunities in Jesus' Kingdom. Now that you can understand spiritual things because of your new birth, you are ready to be trained for being the best there is in Christ Jesus. He is ready to train you and advance you to as great a degree, as you are willing. He leaves it up to you, as to how much training and spiritual growth you are willing to allow Him to give you. He has made Himself totally available to you, so you will have every opportunity to be very successful here and in eternity.

Living Your Life Of Victory
The Prayer Pages Chapter Twenty-Five

Jesus, make it clear to me that I am a spirit being; my spirit is the real me. Help me base my decisions on spiritual concepts. Help me realize this and "do what it takes" to grow in spiritual things.

I Am A Child Of God

I Am Being Trained For Eternity

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Jesus, as a child of God, a member of His family, and a citizen of His Kingdom, teach me how to live this kind of life. You lived it in front of me so I could see what You had in mind. You gave me instructions, provisions, and power to become a mature child of God. Teach me, as a spirit being, that I have opportunities to grow in a mighty way.

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Jesus, You said in **John 15:1-5 (NIV): "I am the true vine, and My Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in Me, and I will 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. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.** Teach me that the pressure isn't on me; all I have to do is put my faith, trust, reliance, and dependency on You and You will empower me to do the rest.

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Apart from Me you can do nothing: Jesus, make it clear to me that the first and most important thing for me is, I need to *desire* to grow spiritually. Show me that one of the things that can help me *desire* this is the fact that I want You to help me with my issue with life. Help me see that, that desire is helping me *want* to "do what it takes" to get Your help. Help me understand that another thing that can help me want to grow spiritually is to see what God has for those who do. Help me see that He is not only empowering me to be set free from my struggles with life, He is helping me trade it for The Victorious Christian Life. If I understand and *desire* to get all God has for me, it will automatically drive out those things that are hurting me.

I Am Learning How To Yield To Jesus

If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit: Jesus, teach me the two parts to growing spiritually and being set free from my struggles with life. Help me get my eyes off of human help and put them on You. Deliver me from faith, trust, dependency, and reliance on me or other humans. Give me success in life and in eternity by You teaching me how to get my needs met through You. If a solution doesn't come right away through You, help me *not* start looking for some other way.

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Living Your Life Of Victory
The Truth Pages Chapter Twenty-Six

A spirit being is *what* you are; you can run your life based on the Biblical principles that Jesus wants to teach and empower you to live.

You Are A Spirit Being Who Is A Child Of God

You Are Being Trained For Eternity

2 Pet 3:10 (NIV) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.

It is obvious that you won't live forever here on earth in your current body. It is also obvious that your current body won't be the one you spend eternity in. But, it may not be obvious to you that this earth won't be the one you will reign with Jesus on. Another thing that may not be clear to you is, your old body will be resurrected and turned into a new *glorified* body. And, this current earth will be turned into a new *glorified* earth. All your worrying about taking good care of this earth means most people don't know it is going to be made into a new one.

You Need To Get Ready For Eternity
2 Pet 3:11-12a (NIV) Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. It is so easy to be distracted from God's purpose for why you are on this planet. But, if you allow Jesus to help you get an eternal perspective, life here will take on a whole new meaning. There is a way for you to get money, possessions, positions, power, popularity, prestige, pleasure, and accomplishments while getting ready for eternity. Most people don't know how to succeed in this life in such a way to totally win for eternity.

Getting Ready Here Can Get You Ready There
2 Pet 3:12b-13 (NIV) That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with His promise <u>we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness</u>. Just like the servant who took his ten minas and doubled them, you can do the same thing yourself. And, just like he got ten cites to **take charge of,** you will enter into the **new heaven and a new earth** as someone who will be entrusted with great opportunities. Just like the successful servant didn't know what would happen if he doubled his money, you don't know. But, you can trust God to reward you even better than that king did.

Looking Forward
2 Pet 3:14 (NIV) So then, dear friends, <u>since you are looking forward to this</u>, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with Him. You have projected into your future by dreaming, setting goals, making future plans, and studying for a career. All you had to do was find something you could get excited about. Once some future plan captured your imagination, you started structuring your life around that dream. This is what Jesus is wanting to do in you; He wants to capture your imagination so you will start investing in your eternal future. But, He isn't going to change your career and earthly procedures all that much. He isn't going to move you into doing things that are weird, inhuman, extraterrestrial, or so foreign that you won't fit in with the people around you.

You Are A Human Living On Earth As A Christian

Trainers Of Careers
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If Jesus asks you to make one of these fields of service to be your career, then you will be responsible for training everyone else on how to be successful in earthly, human careers. If He doesn't, then your career will be one just like everyone else; but, you will accomplish it by using Biblical principles rather than human, worldly principles.

Being Trained For A Career
1 Cor 12:27-28 (NIV) Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. Among those who are "Trainers Of Careers," there are those with "normal" careers that you would see in corporations, hospitals, fire stations, and special organizations for needy people. Regardless of what career you and Jesus come up with, the Biblical training is the same.

Typical Christian Career Training
Rom 12:6-8 (NIV) We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. No matter what Jesus has or is leading you into as your life-career, the issue is for you to do it Biblically. You will need to let Jesus teach and train you in how to succeed in life by you using His principles to run your life, your marriage, your family, your business, your career, your friendships, and your relationship with God.

Living Your Life Of Victory
The Prayer Pages Chapter Twenty-Six

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Living Your Life Of Victory
The Truth Pages Chapter Twenty-Seven

As A Human, You Are Being Trained For Eternity

Gal 3:29 (NIV) If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. All the promises of God flow through Abraham who was a Jew. So, part of your blessings, benefits, and inheritance flow through him. Your new birth made you into a spiritual part of **Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.** This qualified you for thousands of years of promises from God to His people.

Getting Very Little Power

Gal 4:1 (NIV) What I am saying is that as long as THE HEIR is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. As a *child* of God, you have been placed on a planet with very little power or influence over yourself or your environment. As you can see, even with humans placed in a very limited body with very little power, they can still do a lot of damage to the planet and to the people on it. We create wars, poverty, abuse, slavery, and all kinds of different types of suffering. We develop medicines, cures, and help; but, we will charge as much as we can for them. But, Jesus is trying to help you be different; and, He is trying to help you, as an heir, to take everything you learn and start living and sharing it with the rest of the world.

Trained To Be A Mature, Adult Child Of God

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Getting Ready To Inherit

Step One Into Your Inheritance

Gal 4:3-4 (NIV) So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. You started out as a sinning human; you were a slave to your body's **sinful nature,** which are its drives, desires, and weaknesses. So, your first step into the great things of God was to be born again. As a human, you qualified to receive salvation and justification through Jesus: **Rom 8:3 (NIV) For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending His Own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so He condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.**

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Gal 4:4-5 (NIV) But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, <u>that we might receive the full rights of sons</u>. Having **the full rights of sons** is one thing; taking advantage of them is another. You are "doing what it takes" to take full advantage of them. You are *desiring* to take full advantage; you are *studying* how to take full advantage; you are *praying* and asking God to help you take full advantage; you are fixing your eyes on Jesus so He will speak faith into you so you can *believe* He has empowered you to take full advantage; you are *loving* people enough to share with them how to take full advantage; and then you are taking *faith-action* and living on the basis of the fact that God has empowered you to take full advantage.

Step Three: Power For Your Inheritance

Gal 4:6 (NIV) <u>Because you are sons</u>, God sent the Spirit of His Son INTO our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." As you *desire, study, pray, believe, love,* and *take faith-action*, you are taking advantage of the fact that you have Jesus' Spirit inside you. You are allowing Jesus to empower you and take you into the great things of God. But, **as long as** you, **THE HEIR, are a child,** you are **no different from a slave, although** you **own the whole estate.** But, you are yielding to Jesus and are currently allowing Him to train you in. This makes your earthly and eternal future <u>very exciting</u>!

Step Four: Jesus' Training For Your Inheritance

Gal 4:7 (NIV) So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir. You were born again into being a child of God, a member of His family, and a citizen in His Kingdom. You have **received the full rights of** a **son.** But, for now you are **subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by** your heavenly **Father.** As you faithfully allow Jesus to take you through these studies and prayers, He is getting you ready for your Father's **time set.** You are being asked to fulfill all your assignments well in all your life classes. This will give you great success here on earth and bring great success in eternity.

Step Five: Enter Into Jesus
Heb 2:6-8 (NIV) But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is man that You are mindful of him, the son of man that You care for him? You made him a little lower than the angels; <u>You crowned him with glory and honor and put everything under his feet</u>." In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. <u>Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him</u>. You may not feel like you are special; it may not look like God has **crowned** you **with glory and honor and put everything under** your **feet;** and, He hasn't yet. What you have to do is move into Jesus; He has already "done what it takes" to fulfill all the requirements. Now, all you have to do is join Him in learning how to live on the basis of them.

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Living Your Life Of Victory
The Prayer Pages Chapter Twenty-Seven

As A Human, I Am Being Trained For Eternity

Jesus, since I **belong to** You**, then** I am **Abraham's seed, and heir according to the promise (Gal 3:29).** Make it clear to me that *all* the promises of God flow through Abraham who was a Jew. So, part of my blessings, benefits, and inheritance flow through Him. Show me that my new birth made me into a spiritual part of **Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.** This qualified me for thousands of years of promises from God to His people.

I Have Very Little Power

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Living Your Life Of Victory
The Truth Pages Chapter Twenty-Eight

You are a child of God living as a human;
you *can* be trained and empowered by Jesus to learn how to inherit God's Kingdom.
You can run your life based on an eternal perspective that
Jesus wants to teach and empower you to live.

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As A Human, You Are Being Trained In Biblical Principles

Let Jesus take you through a quick look at some of the things you are going to have to deal with as a spirit being in a human body. It isn't going to be easy to gain your victory over your human body. But, you, as a spirit being, can win, if you allow yourself to be trained by Jesus in the Bible. Jesus and the Bible's power will be more than enough to help you get ready for The Victorious Christian Life. So, let Jesus show you what is standing in your way, as you head into being victorious in Him.

Committing To The Challenge

Finding Out Where Your Obligation Is

Rom 8:12 (NIV) Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation--but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. The **sinful nature** is located in your body, making it animalistic, selfish, and powerful over you. It can make you obey its drives, desires, needs, and wishes. But, the main objective in Kingdom-inheritance training is breaking you free from its control and making it obey you, as a spirit being.

You Must Stop This

Rom 8:13a (NIV) For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die. This isn't optional; you must be set free from the control of the **sinful nature** in your body. Salvation and justification dealt with this problem by keeping you from being responsible to the Old Testament laws that made you guilty if you sinned. **Rom 8:3-4 (NIV) For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending His Own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so He condemned sin in sinful man, IN ORDER THAT the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to THE SINFUL NATURE but according to THE SPIRIT.**

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Rom 8:13b-14 (NIV) But, if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. Here is the key to The Victorious Christian Life: **if BY the Spirit YOU.** Jesus is wanting to teach you how to yield to the influence and power of the Holy Spirit. Since He lives inside you, He is able to help you in ways that are very personal and real. You and the Holy Spirit are able to do things that have been impossible for you prior to this. It is just a matter of you learning how to yield to Him. There is a six principle method that takes you into the full power of the Holy Spirit in your life.

If you *desire* to stop yielding to the **sinful nature** and *desire* to yield to the Holy Spirit, if you *study* the Bible and Jesus teaches you how to stop yielding to the **sinful nature** and you yield to the Holy Spirit, if you *pray* and ask Jesus to empower you to stop yielding to the **sinful nature** and help you yield to the Holy Spirit, if you look to Jesus to speak faith into you so you can *believe* He *has* empowered you to stop yielding to the **sinful nature** and start yielding to the Holy Spirit, if you *love* people enough to share with them how to stop yielding to the **sinful nature** and start yielding to the Holy Spirit, if you take *faith-action* and join Jesus in being empowered to quit yielding to the **sinful nature** and start yielding to the Holy Spirit, you will successfully **put to death the misdeeds of** your **body.**

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Rom 8:15 (NIV) For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father." The main issue for yielding to Jesus' power that flows through the Holy Spirit and into you, is *desire*. Since you are not a robot or a slave, God honors your free will with a great intensity. The hardest thing for us all is to get to the place where we are willing to "do what it takes" to get Jesus' help. You know you want to be set free from your difficulties with life. And, it feels like you would be willing to do almost anything to see that happen. But, a lot of the time your heart is fooling you.

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Living Your Life Of Victory
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Living Your Life Of Victory
The Truth Pages Chapter Twenty-Nine

You Are A Child Of God And Have A Wonderful Future

You are a child of God living as a human; but, you are going to get a new body to live in for eternity.

You Enter God's Kingdom With Eternal Life

You Enter God's Kingdom With An Eternal Body

1 Cor 15:50 (NIV) I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

You can't take your current, human body into God's Kingdom; you must be born again so you can receive an eternal body. The reason you *had* to be born again was because you didn't have the right kind of spirit and body needed for God's Kingdom. **2 Cor 5:17 (NIV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, <u>he is a new creation</u>; the old has gone, the new has come!** It would take volumes of books trying to explain what that one verse means. You becoming **a new creation** has so much meaning that it would take your entire lifetime to have it all explained to you.

Jesus Is Coming For The Living And The Dead

1 Cor 15:51 (NIV) Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- Not all humans will die before Jesus comes to get us. If Jesus comes while you are still alive, first those who have already died will be caught up to meet Him in the air. Then you would be caught up to join Him right after that. But, the big issue here is, both those who have already died and those who are still living will have their human bodies changed into glorified bodies.

You Get A New Eternal Body

1 Cor 15:51b-52a (NIV) <u>We WILL all be changed</u>--in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we WILL be changed. There will be a trumpet blast and we children of God will immediately be taken up into the air to meet Jesus. As you are ascending upward toward Jesus, your body will be changed into an eternal, imperishable body. Your body will change from its current condition and type into a very beautiful, powerful, and eternal body like Jesus' heavenly body. Our body won't be as beautiful, powerful, or look exactly like Jesus' body; but, it will be very similar.

The Old Is Changed Into The New

1 Cor 15:53 (NIV) For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. Because you have been born as a human and then born again, you have been made a child of God, a member of His family, and a citizen of His Kingdom. This qualifies you to receive a new, eternal, heavenly body to wear. You must be born as a human in order to qualify for being born again as a child of God. Those beings who are not born as humans do not qualify for this opportunity. You must have had a human body so it can be transformed into a spiritual, heavenly body.

The Process Of Glorification

Here's How It Works

1 Cor 15:37 (NIV) When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as He has determined, and to each kind of seed He gives its own body. A tomato seed looks very different from the tomato plant or its produce. That is the way your earthly, human body is; it looks more like a tomato seed; but, once planted, your body will grow or be changed into a new body. It will be as different as a tomato seed is to a tomato bush.

Looking At Heavenly Bodies

1 Cor 15:41 (NIV) The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor. Just like there are different kinds of heavenly bodies like the sun, moon, and stars, us humans will have a heavenly, eternal body waiting for us. What God is going to do is, use your human body like a seed. He will transform it into a heavenly body that will be able to live without disease, fatigue, limitations, powerlessness, or death.

The Seed For An Eternal Body
1 Cor 15:42 (NIV) So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; Your body that is put in the grave or goes back to being decayed will be like planting a seed. It will be planted back into dirt as a perishable body and will grow or raise imperishable; your new body will be eternal. The spiritual growth you have been allowing Jesus to help you with is being invested in the eternal life you will live in your imperishable body. Investing in a perishable body with things that don't count for eternity is foolish. Learning how to live your temporary life in such a way for it to count for eternity is very wise.

Humility Brings Honor, Glory, And Power
1 Cor 15:43 (NIV) it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; No matter how great, successful, or popular you get, if it isn't for helping people see the glory of God, it will be for dishonor. Your job in your temporary body is to help people see that Jesus is their way, their truth, and their life (John 14:6). If you spend your temporary life pointing people to Jesus and to His glory rather than pointing them to you, you will be raised with a body of glory. If you allow yourself to be weak so Jesus can be your strength, then your weak body will be raised in power.

Looking At God's Provisions
1 Cor 15:44 (NIV) it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. If God was able to produce a human body for you, He will be able to produce a spiritual body for you. Before you were born, you didn't have an earthly body; you didn't know about human life; you didn't have any of the things you now have; God provided them all. If He did all this for you, He will do all the things He is telling you He will provide. Look at what He has given you so far; and, it will help you have hope for your future.

Living Your Life Of Victory
The Prayer Pages Chapter Twenty-Nine

I Am A Child Of God And Have A Wonderful Future

Jesus, help me live as a child of God who is a human; but, who is going to get a new body to live in for eternity.

I Enter God's Kingdom With Eternal Life

I Enter God's Kingdom With An Eternal Body

1 Cor 15:50 (NIV) I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Jesus, make it clear to me that I can't take my current human body into God's Kingdom; I must be born again so I can receive an eternal body. Teach me that the reason I *had* to be born again was because I didn't have the right kind of spirit and body needed for God's Kingdom. **2 Cor 5:17 (NIV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, <u>he is a new creation</u>; the old has gone, the new has come!** Show me that it would take volumes of books trying to explain what that one verse means. Me becoming **a new creation** has so much meaning that it would take my entire lifetime to have it all explained to me.

Jesus Is Coming For The Living And The Dead

1 Cor 15:51 (NIV) Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- Jesus, help me understand that not all humans will die before You come to get us. If You come while I am still alive, first those who have already died will be caught up to meet You in the air. Then I would be caught up to join You right after that. But, help me see that the big issue here is, both those who have already died and those who are still living will have their human bodies changed into glorified bodies.

I Get A New Eternal Body

1 Cor 15:51b-52a (NIV) <u>We WILL all be changed</u>--in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we WILL be changed. Jesus, teach me that there will be a trumpet blast and I, as a child of God, will immediately be taken up into the air to meet You. As I am ascending upward toward You, my body will be changed into an eternal, imperishable body. Help me see that my body will change from its current condition and type into a very beautiful, powerful, and eternal body like Your heavenly body. My body won't be as beautiful, powerful, or look exactly like Your body; but, it will be very similar.

The Old Is Changed Into The New

1 Cor 15:53 (NIV) For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. Jesus, make it clear to me that because I have been born as a human and then born again, I have been made a child of God, a member of His family, and a citizen of His Kingdom. Show me that this qualifies me to receive a new, eternal, heavenly body to wear. Help me see that I must be born as a human in order to qualify for being born again as a child of God. Teach me that those beings who are not born as humans do not qualify for this opportunity. I must have had a human body so it can be transformed into a spiritual, heavenly body.

The Process Of Glorification

Here's How It Works

1 Cor 15:37 (NIV) When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as He has determined, and to each kind of seed He gives its own body. Jesus, teach me that just like a tomato seed looks very different from the tomato plant or its produce, this is the way my earthly, human body is. Teach me that my human body looks more like a tomato seed; but, once planted, it will grow or be changed into a new body. It will be as different as a tomato seed is to a tomato bush.

Looking At Heavenly Bodies

1 Cor 15:41 (NIV) The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor. Jesus, help me understand that just like there are different kinds of heavenly bodies like the sun, moon, and stars, I, as a human, will have a heavenly, eternal body waiting for me. Help me see that what God is going to do is use my human body like a seed. He will transform it into a heavenly body that will be without disease, fatigue, limitations, powerlessness, or death.

The Seed For An Eternal Body

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Living Your Life Of Victory
The Truth Pages Chapter Thirty

You Are A Child Of God And Have Eternity Ahead Of You

You are a child of God living as a human on earth;
but, you are going to get a new body, a new heaven, and a new earth
to live in for eternity.

You Are Preparing For God's Eternal Kingdom

What You Do Here CAN Count For Eternity

Jesus wants you to use your training on how to win over your struggles with life. He wants you to allow this struggle to be a part of your reason for studying and praying over His Biblical principles. But, He also wants you to look ahead to all the wonderful blessings, miracles, provisions, and future benefits you are going to receive. The principles, truths, and training you receive for overcoming your difficulties with life, are the same ones that you will use for getting all God's wonderful blessings, miracles, provisions, and future benefits.

Looking Into Your Eternal Future

You Get A New Heaven And New Earth

Rev 21:1 (NIV) Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. God didn't give this to you right now because there were some things you needed to do to get ready for it. He didn't want you to be here in this **new heaven and new earth** as a spectator or just a resident. He wanted you to be prepared to be a **king** as a dynamic governmental leader. And He wanted you to be qualified to be a **priest** as a powerful spiritual leader.

You Get Wonderful Opportunities

1:5 (AKJV) And from Jesus Christ, Who is the Faithful Witness, and the First Begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth. To Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. As you learn how to win over your problems with life, you are also learning how to use that training to help others win over their problems, difficulties, struggles, and issues. Once you start using your training and breakthroughs to help others, you are getting hands-on experience for being a **king** and a **priest** for your eternal life assignments.

You Get A New Jerusalem

Rev 21:2 (NIV) I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. Just like your eternal body is going to be incredible, the heavens, the earth, and the Holy City, Jerusalem are going to be incredible. You are going to be a part of something that is going to be far superior to what you are involved with now. But, you success here is going to have a tremendous effect on who you are, what you are allowed to do, and what kind of king and priest you will be able to be in eternity.

What You Do Now Counts

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Preparing For Your Eternal Future
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Living Your Life Of Victory
The Prayer Pages Chapter Thirty

I Am A Child Of God And Have Eternity Ahead Of Me

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