

Introduction

We welcome you to join the 21 Days Fasting and Worship with the Holy Spirit 8th – 28th January, 2021 And 48 Hours Nonstop Worship Intercession, 29th – 31st January, 2021.

The purpose of this fast is to help you undergo a spiritual journey with a deeper understanding of the person and power of the Holy Spirit, leading you to diverse encounters with Him.

For three weeks, we will come together, to worship, share God's word, hear words of encouragement, and pray both corporately and individually. We are fasting for a spiritual breakthrough to re-dig the wells of spiritual revival, reformation and transformation of Edo State, Nigeria, Nations of the world, kings, rulers and the sphere of influences of the society (Family, Belief, Education, Politics & Government, Business & Economy Science & Technology, Media, Culture & Entertainment). And also, in your personal life where you want to see the hand of God in 2021.

The benefit of this fast includes;

1. To know the person and the power of the Holy Spirit by a definite experience....
2. To become a healthy person who builds healthy



relationships.

3. To become a leader for global transformation
4. To fulfill God's purpose for my life.
5. To become more like Christ in every aspect of my life.
6. To discover my unique design for service in the local assembly and the market place.
7. To come into fruitfulness and fulfillment as I use my God given gifts and abilities to serve God and others.
8. Revitalizing my prayer and study life.
9. Raising commitment in my walk with God.
10. Daily experience of God's love and presence.
11. Unlimited testimonies and breakthroughs in all aspects of my life, community, city and nation.

This year, we have a lot of unique resources and opportunities put together for you to participate. Whether you are meeting in your small group or online.



RECOMMENDED RESOURCES FOR THE FAST

1. The 21days of Hosting the Spirit Manual
2. The Person of the Holy Spirit - Benson Akhigbe
3. The Work of the Holy Spirit- Kay Benson Akhigbe
4. Holy Spirit and You - Tonnie Uzor
5. The awesome power of the Holy Spirit - Benson Akhigbe
6. Ten reasons why every believer should speak in tongues - Kay Benson Akhigbe
7. Hosting His presence - Kay Benson Akhigbe
8. Hosting the Holy Spirit - Benson Akhigbe



Bible Reading Plan

 Firm Foundation <i>the care for desert places</i>						



HOW YOU CAN BE PART OF THE FAST

Onsite: No.5 Oregbeni Crescent off Aidayan Street, Off Ihama Rd, GRA. **7am – 1pm, daily breaking of bread at 12-1pm**

Online Visual: Open Heaven's prayer: Live -Streaming at Firm Foundation (Facebook, Twitter, Youtube) - **7am – 1pm**

Online Audio: Orbitfm.com.ng - 7am – 1pm, daily breaking of bread at 12-1pm

Life groups: At your life group or small group meetings.

Mid-Week Service: 4th day (Wed) **12-1pm & 5pm**

Weekend Service: 1st day (Sun) **7am & 10am**

You need to pick the fast that suits you but kindly seek medical advice if you have any existing health conditions.

MAIN FAST

1. Fasting on food but taking only fruits, vegetables and water (Daniel Fast)
2. Complete abstinence from food but constantly taking water.
3. Skipping one or two meals daily.

ADDITIONAL FAST (choose any of the combinations to be added to the Main fast)

4. Negativity Fast (Declaring only the Positive)
5. Fast on Electronic devices, TV, phones, Video games, Social Media etc.



6. Fast on Snacks, Sugar, Sweets, Caffeine, Salt/ Seasoning etc.

We will be ending the fast with 48hours of worship and intercession from 29th -31st January, 2021.

If you have any question about the Fast, how to get the manual or how you can join or host a life group during this fast, reach us at:

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HOW TO USE THE MANUAL

The content of this manual can best be beneficial to you, if you belong to a life group (small group). You can decide to host a life group within these 21 days in your house, office space and/or a place very close to you. You can lead it or have someone lead it.

Each topic has been shared into a space of three days to enable you and other life group members study and meditate on scriptures, so that experiences can be shared during life group meetings.

We believe that as you undertake this powerful spiritual discipline, the Holy Spirit will transform your life. We are convinced that when God's people fast with a proper biblical motive-seeking God's face with a broken, repentant, and contrite spirit, God will hear from heaven and heal our lives, our churches, our communities, our nation and world.

We like to emphasize that whichever fast you choose. It's your heart and motive that matters. So set your heart and motives right. Pray and declare right and meditate with the scriptures in the manual.

SHALOM!



Day 1– Day 3

THE PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead. To understand his work in our lives we must first of all know and understand his person.

'If you perceive the Holy Spirit wrongly it makes you have a mindset of "how can I get more of the Holy Spirit to use."

Your life will take a complete transformation when you come to know Him as a person. Just like Christ is a person, He is an ever-present, loving friend and mighty helper, who is not only at your side at all times but also dwells in your heart, ready to undertake for you every emergency in life.

4 DISTINCT PROOFS IN THE BIBLE THAT HE IS A PERSON

PROOF 1 - THE CHARACTER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

All the distinctive characteristics of a personality are ascribed to Him

- 1) Knowledge
- 2) Feeling
- 3) Emotion
- 4) Will

Any entity that thinks, feels, and wills is a person, not in the sense of ears, eyes, and mouth - this is bodily substance not personality.

1 Cor. 2:10-11

Anything that the Holy Spirit in you knows, God counts as it



has been revealed to you.

- 1) Knowledge is ascribed to Him. He's not just an influence that illuminates our mind but a being Who Himself knows the truth.
- 2) 1 Cor. 12:11 - Will is ascribed to Him. He uses His ability and His will. This distinction is important in our getting into right relationship with the Holy Spirit.
- 3) Rom. 8:27 - Mind (thoughts, feeling and purpose).
Rom. 15:30- The love of the Spirit.
Neh. 9:20- Intelligence and goodness are ascribed to Him. Once you heed his instruction, you won't lack food.
- 4) Eph. 4:30 - Grief is ascribed to Him.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray first of all to know the person of the Holy Spirit and to understand His work in your life.
2. Pray that your life will make a complete transformation as you come to know Him as a person, just like Christ is a person.
3. Pray that the eyes of your understanding be enlightened by Him to know the purpose of what He has called you to do (Eph 1:17).

PROOF 2 - THE ACTS OF THE SPIRIT

Many acts a person can perform are ascribed to the Holy Spirit. So you can't deny that He is a person.



1) Revelator

1 Cor. 2:10- He is not only an illuminator, whereby we are enabled to grasp the deep things of God (not only for spiritual purposes) but as a person Who Himself searches the deep things of God and reveals to us the precious decisions He has made (this makes you socially relevant).

2) Speaks words of wisdom

Rev. 2:7 - He is not only an impersonal enlightenment that comes to our mind but as a person who speaks, and out of the depth of His own wisdom whispers into the heart of His listening servants the precious truth of God (continuous supply of manner, ideas and purposes).

3) Confirms our sonship

Gal. 4:6 - He is sent here as one crying out in the heart of the individual believer. He is not just a divine influence, producing in our heart the assurance of our sonship, He is also one who cries out in our heart to bear witness together with our spirits that we are the sons of God (Rom. 8:16).

4) One who prays

Rom. 8:26 - He is not just an influence that moves us to pray, or an illumination that teaches us how to pray but **rather a person who Himself prays.**

Therefore, the position of the believer is one of perfect security with two persons praying for him.

Heb. 7:28, 1 John 2:1



- a) Praying in the spirit will dominate your flesh.
- b) The Holy Spirit will bear you up in your weakness and come to your aid.

5) One who testifies

John 15:26 - He is set before us as a person who gives His testimony to Jesus.

He is not an illumination that enables the believers to testify of Christ but **rather a person who himself testifies**. There are two witnesses:

John 15:26-27 - The Holy Spirit bearing witness to the believer and the believer bearing witness to the world.

John 14:26, John 16:12-14; a teacher (Isa 48v17).

He is not just a mere illumination that enables us to apprehend the truth but a person who comes to us to **teach us the truth of God**.

Not only that we have our mind illuminated to comprehend the truth of God but to have a divine teacher who daily teaches us the truth we need to know.

6) Leader to guide.

Rom 8:14 - He is not merely an influence that enables us to see the way that God would have us go, or a power that gives us strength to go that way but rather a person Who takes us by the hand and gently leads us on in the path in which God would have us walk.

Acts 16:6-7 - has authority to command men in their service to Christ.



He leads and directs people to His fruit.

A person whose authority we recognize and submit to.

Acts 13:2 - He is the supreme authority in the church, who calls men to work and appoints them to offices.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray that the Holy Spirit who searches the deep things of God will reveal to us the precious decisions He has made to make us socially relevant.
2. Ask that He whispers wisdom into the heart of His listening servants from the precious truth of God's word.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to empower your spirit to pray His will so you can dominate the will of your flesh.
4. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear you up in your weakness and come to your aid.
5. Ask to be led by the Holy Spirit and guided into all truth.

PROOF 3 - THE OFFICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. **A comforter in the class of Christ**

John 14:16-18 NKJV

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever – 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.



John 16:7 NKJV

7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

2. He shows up in our helplessness**John 2:3**

3 "They have no wine".

Col. 2:6 NKJV

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

2 Cor. 12:7-9 NKJV

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

John 15:5 NKJV

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

We cannot do life on our own.



PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray and ask for the comfort the Holy Spirit gives.
2. Pray to know God's will, to be fruitful in ministry and strengthened by intimacy with God.
3. Prayer for the release of the Holy Spirit's power unto mature holiness (1 Thes. 5:23-24)

PROOF 4 - THE TREATMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Isa. 63:10, Eph. 3:3, Heb. 10:39, Acts 4:5, Matt. 12:13-32

Isa. 63:10 NKJV

10 But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; So He turned Himself against them as an enemy, And He fought against them.

Matt. 12:31-33 NKJV

*31 "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.
32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.*

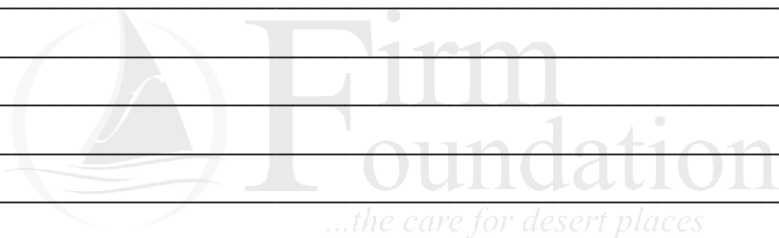
PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray against a rebellious heart leading to grieving the Holy Spirit.
2. Ask for forgiveness where you have not yielded to His promptings and followed His instructions.
3. Pray that the words of your mouth and the meditations



4. Pray for every stony heart to become a heart of flesh, broken and yielding to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

ENCOUNTER NOTES



Day 4– Day 6

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND SANCTIFICATION

To sanctify means to SET APART.

To sanctify someone or something is to set that person or thing apart for the use intended by its designer. It means, therefore, that a human being is sanctified when he or she is living according to God's design and purpose.

Sanctification is both a finished action and a daily process.

At the point of salvation, your spirit was regenerated and you became holy. This means you received a new nature, the nature of Christ.

Heb. 10:10 NIV

And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all

You must now work outwardly everyday what God is working inwardly. In other words, you must grow daily in this new nature to become more like Christ.

Heb 12:14 LB

Try to stay out of all quarrels, and seek to live a clean and holy life, for one who is not holy will not see the Lord.

Eph 4:13 NIV

until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

To do this, you must put off the old man, which is your old nature. You do this, not by ignoring it or by your own human effort but by the Holy Spirit working in you and through you,



receiving by faith what God has done and is doing in your heart.

In other words, it is the Holy Spirit who makes the believer holy and enables him/her to live a holy life.

THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR SANCTIFICATION

1. The Holy Spirit **EMPOWERS** us by strengthening our inner man with power over sin.

1 Thessalonians 3:13:

"13 May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones."; enabling us to reach the goal of holiness

2. The Holy Spirit **UNITES** us completely to Christ.
As we yield and fellowship with the Holy Spirit, our taste buds for sin and to have our own way changes.

Galatians 2:20 NIV

20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

3. The Holy Spirit **PURIFIES US**.
Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we are purified; eternally declared "not guilty" (of our sins) before God.

1 Corinthians 6:11



11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray for the impartation of Holy Spirit's boldness through the release of signs and wonders.
2. Pray for the release of the Holy Spirit's ministry.
3. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to baptize you with fresh fire (Acts 2:3-4).
4. Pray that God will baptize our church family with the spirit of prayer (Act 3:1).
5. Pray for the release of the Holy Spirit's power to come upon our church family unto mature holiness (1 Thess. 5:23-24).

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Day 7– Day 9

THE DUAL WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN A BELIEVER

There is a dual working of the Spirit of God in the believer.

We shall see there is a twofold development God expects His spirit-filled children to have.

The indwelling of the Spirit is for fruit bearing while the outpouring of the spirit is for service.

Two examples of his work within us

John 14:17-19 NIV

The Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

John 4:14 NKJV

But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

Two examples of the spirit upon

Acts 1:8 NKJV

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."



John 7:37-39 NKJV

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow, rivers of living water."

Another way to refer to the indwelling Spirit is the Spirit of adoption. Rom. 8:15, Gal. 4:4-6

These verses which speak of our being children of God or sons of God refer to the new birth.

Ezek. 36:25-27, Titus 3:5

Why we need to cooperate with the indwelling Spirit:

Constant renewals of the spirit are necessary (2 Cor 4:16).

It's important to walk in the spirit.

We should learn the way of the Spirit.

How is the inward man renewed or strengthened daily?

1. By asking the Father (Eph. 3:16)

Daily renewals of your spirit are essential in order to keep you strong spiritually, this is done as you continually stay filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit.

Eph. 5:18

A buoyant spirit of joy and praise is a result of staying continually filled with the Holy Spirit.

Staying filled not only strengthens or renews the believer but the joy of praise it produces also attracts the unbeliever and makes him desire a similar experience.



Isa. 40:31

The phrase "wait on the Lord" means to be bound or entwined together.

Once believers are filled with the Holy Spirit they should tarry or wait before the Lord in prayer so their spirits can be renewed day by day.

2. By walking in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16-23, 1 Tim. 4:8, Ezek. 36:27)

To walk in the Spirit is to walk in love. You have a choice whether or not to let love dominate you. Love is in the heart of every believer (Rom. 5:5); but if your mind is not sufficiently renewed with the word it will align with your flesh.

In other words, God's Spirit within you will cause you to walk in and keep his word.

3. By constantly following the promptings of the Holy Spirit

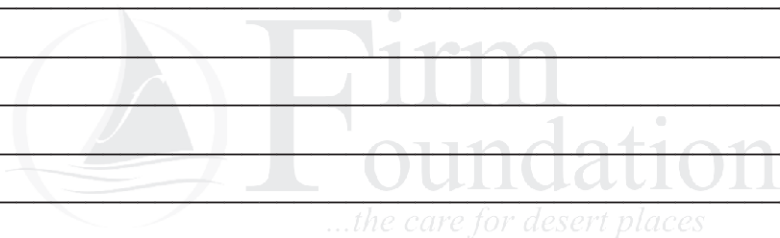
God has given us the Holy Spirit on our inside to make it possible for us to enjoy exemption from things that would injure or destroy our peace, health or well-being.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to tarry or wait before the Lord, so your spirit can be renewed daily.
2. Pray to be filled with supernatural joy, peace and hope.
3. Pray and ask the Lord for your portion of the day (Luke 11:3).



- ## ENCOUNTER NOTES



Day 10– Day 12

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” (Gal. 5:22-23)

The Greek word that we translate “fruit” usually means fruit in the sense of edible fruits and vegetables, but it can also be translated as offspring, deed, action, result, or profit. Paul used “fruit” to help us understand the product of the Holy Spirit, who lives inside every believer. The fruit of the Spirit is produced by the Spirit, not by the Christian. The Greek word is singular, showing that “fruit” is a unified whole, not independent characteristics. As we grow, all the characteristics of Christ will be manifested in our lives.

In an agrarian society, fruit is a good thing; it is the result of hard work and careful tending. So, like physical fruit needs time to grow, the fruit of the Spirit will not ripen in our lives overnight. Like a successful gardener must battle against weeds to enjoy the sweet fruit he desires, we must constantly work to rid our lives of the “weeds” of our old sin natures that want to choke out the work of the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit gives us the power we need to reject those old sinful desires. We can say “no” to sin and accept the “way out” God faithfully provides (1 Cor. 10:13) by following the Holy Spirit's leading.

As we give the Spirit more control of our lives, He begins to do in and through us what only He can do - to shape us and grow us to look like Jesus (2 Cor. 3:17-18).



Since God's goal for all His children is for us to be like Jesus (Rom. 8:29), the Holy Spirit constantly works to rid our lives of the *"acts of the sinful nature"* (Gal. 5:19) and display *His* fruit instead. Therefore, the presence of the *"fruit of the Spirit"* is evidence that our character is becoming more like Christ's.

9 characteristics to describe the fruit of the Spirit in the book of Galatians:

1. Love

Love is translated from the Greek word (agape). Greek has multiple words for love including eros, which is sexual love and philos, which is brotherly love. Agape is perfect love that only God can give.

Love for God and others is the result of receiving God's perfect 'agape' love. Therefore, true, biblical love is a choice, not a feeling. It deliberately expresses itself in loving ways and always seeks the welfare of others. Like from God, biblical love is dependent on the giver's character, not emotion. Love chooses to set aside one's own preferences, desires, and sometimes even needs to put the other person first (Phil. 2:1-3).

2. Joy

The joy of the Lord is established in our spiritual, eternal circumstances. As we cling tight to Jesus, abiding daily in our saving relationship with Him, we will experience the fullness of joy He promised (John 15:4-11). It is the realization of God's favor and grace in one's life (James 1:1-2).



3. Peace

Peace is inclusive of life without conflict, as well as wholeness and harmony with God and others. When the Holy Spirit is within us, the peace of Christ is possible, no matter our circumstances (John 14:27). When we have peace, we are free from fear and worry about finances, our safety, our salvation, and our eternal life. We can reject the chaos of the world. (Philippians 4:4-9).

4. Patience

Forbearance is not a word that most of us commonly use. The word in Gal. 5:22-23 is often translated using other words such as patience, endurance, constancy, steadfastness, perseverance, longsuffering, and slowness in avenging wrongs. But Christians have everything we need to be patient because the Holy Spirit enables us to put up with circumstances and other people, even when severely tried.

5. Kindness and Goodness

Goodness means uprightness of heart and life, goodness, and kindness. The characteristics of “kindness” and “goodness” are closely related. Together they present the picture of one who not only possesses moral goodness and integrity, but also generously expresses it in the way they act toward others. They relate to not only being good, but also doing good things (2 Thess. 1:11 CEV). This “goodness in action” reflects God's kindness and goodness toward us. God demonstrated His kindness and goodness to us in our salvation (Titus 3:4) and will continue to “show the immeasurable riches of His grace



in kindness toward us” for all eternity (Eph. 2:7).

6. Faithfulness

Faithfulness is a character trait that combines dependability and trust based on our confidence in God and His eternal faithfulness. To be “faithful” is to be reliable or trustworthy. For the Christian, this is faithfulness specifically to the Savior who redeemed us. Christian faithfulness therefore, is continued and consistent submission and obedience to the same Spirit who provides the ability for us to be faithful. This attitude is in direct contrast to our previous “faithfulness” to our own sinful desires and ways. The word also describes someone willing to suffer persecution and even death for Christ's sake. *“Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.”* (2 Thess. 1:4)

7. Gentleness/Meekness

Closely linked to humility, gentleness is grace of the soul. It is not weakness, but instead it is strength under control. “Meekness does not identify the weak but more precisely the strong that have been placed in a position of weakness where they persevere without giving up. (2 Tim. 2:25) - “Lord's servant” will “correct his opponents with gentleness” and in Paul's letter to the church in Galatia (Gal. 6:1), he wrote that those who have been caught in sin should be restored in a “spirit of gentleness”. Gentleness, being the opposite of self-assertiveness and self-interest, is also a key ingredient in unity and peace within the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:2). Jesus

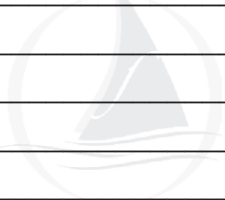


describes himself as gentle in Matthew 11:29.

8. Self-Control

Self-control is ability to control one's body and its sensual appetites and desires – physically and mentally – through the power of the Holy Spirit. Self-control relates to both chastity and sobriety. With the indwelling Holy Spirit, we have the strength to control our sinful desires, to say “no” to our flesh and yes to the Spirit.

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Day 13– Day 15

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

The Nine Gifts Categorized

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE by the same Spirit... (1 Cor. 12:8)

Paul goes on to list nine manifestations or gifts of the Spirit. The nine manifestations or gifts of the Holy Spirit are generally divided as follows:

Three revelation gifts—spiritual gifts that reveal something:

1. The word of wisdom
2. The word of knowledge
3. The discerning of spirits

Three power gifts—spiritual gifts that do something

4. The gift of faith
5. The working of miracles
6. The gifts of healings

Three utterance or inspirational gifts—spiritual gifts that say something:

7. Prophecy



8. Divers (different) kinds of tongues
9. Interpretation of tongues

Very often these gifts work together, as tongues and interpretation of tongues work together. But we divide them as they are divided here in 1 Corinthians 12 in order to distinguish them and to talk about them.

We can readily see that very often these gifts of the Spirit are manifested together. For example, sometimes what we call prophecy is actually a word of wisdom that is being given forth.

It is not really the simple gift of prophecy at all because the simple gift of prophecy has no revelation; that is, no foretelling or element of prediction with it. The simple gift of prophecy brings edification, exhortation and comfort (1 Cor. 14:3).

These gifts are listed in the order of their importance. Of the three gifts of revelation, the word of wisdom is the best gift because it brings supernatural revelation of the plan and purpose of God. Of the three gifts of power, the gift of faith is the best gift because it is the supernatural ability to work a miracle.

Of the three gifts of utterance, the gift of prophecy is the best gift because it is complete in and of itself and it brings edification, encouragement, and comfort to the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 14:3). The Bible does say to seek earnestly the best gifts (1 Cor. 12:31).





Day 16– Day 18

MORE THAN AN INITIAL EXPERIENCE

The new birth experience is God's introduction of His life and nature but the baptism in the Holy Ghost is God's introduction of His supernatural power to His children. Receiving the Holy Ghost is so much more than just an initial spiritual experience.

When the Holy Ghost comes upon you and you're filled with His power, you can enjoy experiences with Him every day.

If you'll make an effort to maintain a Spirit-filled life by praying much in other tongues, the Holy Spirit will communicate with you through your own spirit.

1 Cor. 14:14

"For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful" ...the cure for desert places

It's the Holy Spirit who gives your spirit the ability to pray to God. The Holy Ghost supernaturally directs your prayer as he gives you the utterance. He prays through you about things before they ever happen. The Holy Spirit actually comes to fill believers with divine power that enables them to live their lives supernaturally from that moment forward.

THE PURPOSE/BENEFITS OF PRAYING IN TONGUES

The gift of tongues is one of the ministries of the Holy Spirit to us. The gift of tongues is meant for every believer, and



exercising this precious gift has a lot of benefits that cannot be exhausted. While God does not expect us to exhaust His gift because He knows we *can't*, He expects us to take advantage of it and get the best we can out of it.

There are many things that praying in tongues can do in the life of the individual believer, and in the corporate life of a gathering of believers or the Church.

These are some of the benefits of praying in tongues:

- 1. Praying in tongues allows you to speak directly to God (1 Cor. 14:2)** - Whenever you speak in tongues, you are speaking to God's ears without interference. The devil cannot understand you; neither can he interfere with or intercept your communication with your Father.
- 2. Praying in tongues keeps you in tune with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4; Gal. 5:17)** - Praying in tongues helps you in yielding to the Holy Spirit who dwells in you and not to the unprofitable inclinations of the flesh. Praying in tongues helps you to yield to that which is of God and overcome the desires of the flesh.
- 3. Praying in tongues strengthens your spirit (1 Cor. 14:4)** - Praying in tongues benefits only those who practice it. It makes your spirit strong. The more you speak in tongues, the stronger your spirit gets!
- 4. Praying in tongues builds you up spiritually and helps you to live a spirit-led life (Jude 1:20; Rom. 8:14)** - It will build your spirit and help you to easily follow the leading of the Spirit. The Spirit desires to lead many



believers, that is an essential part of His ministry, but many are not able to get His leading because they fail to pray as they should.

5. **Praying in the spirit is a means of magnifying God (Acts 10:45-46)** - Praying in the Spirit makes God bigger in your life! It makes the life of Christ within you increase greatly. It increases the workings of God in your life, and also helps you realize the importance of God, thus giving Him His rightful place.
6. **Praying in the spirit increases sensitivity to the Holy Spirit and his presence (Jn. 14:16-17)** - It helps you recognize easily His gentle nudging in your heart. Jesus said the Holy Spirit will be in you and with you, speaking about His indwelling and His manifest presence. Sensitivity to God's Spirit is very important because it will keep you from making many mistakes, keep you from unknown danger and deliver divine blessings to you.
7. **Praying in the spirit is praying according to God's will (Rom. 8:26-27; 1 Jn. 5:14)** - One of the many benefits of this gift from God is that it helps you to pray according to His will. God does not answer all prayers, He only answers those that are in line with His will.
8. **It is the best way to give thanks (1 Cor 14:16-17)** - The amazing thing is that you *don't* know all that God does for you, you only know very little; so you cannot thank Him well by speaking in your natural human language. When you pray in the supernatural language of heaven, then you give thanks to God well.

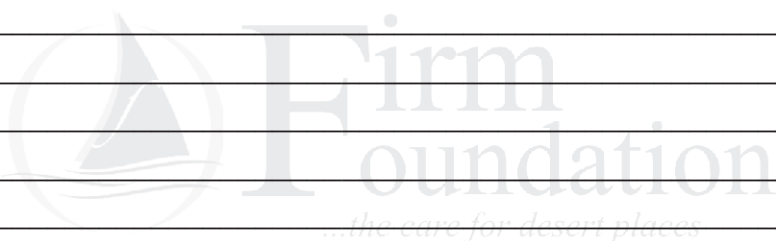


9. **Praying in tongues helps you pray out the plan of God for your life (Ps. 127:1)** - You only know your divine purpose on earth as you begin to walk with God, but the knowledge of it is not enough. You must walk in it. Praying in the Spirit helps you to pray God's plan for you into tangible reality, helping you to birth all your God-given dreams.
10. **It furnishes a continual revival of your spirit (2 Cor. 4:16)** - Your spirit needs to be revived again and again. The daily habit of speaking in tongues supplies strength and supernatural energy which enables you to overcome discouragements, disappointments, weighty concerns, and other emotional issues.
11. **It helps you to pray about the unknown (Rom. 8:26)** - Life is such a mystery that there are many things that are unknown to the natural mind. Praying in the Spirit helps you deal with all these things, removing them from the way.
12. **Gives spiritual and physical refreshing (1 Cor. 14:4; Is.28:11-12)** - Praying in tongues benefits not only your spirit but also your body. According to Thayer's Greek Lexicon, the word *edifies* is translated from the Greek word *oikodomeo*, which means "to build a house, erect a building...to restore by building, to rebuild, repair." It takes away weariness, stress, and burdens, and makes you light and relaxed. It refreshes you totally and brightens you up.
13. **It helps you overcome fear (Jude 1:20-21; 1 Jn. 4:18)** - Praying in the Spirit keeps us in the love of God. The



14. It helps you build capacity for God (Eph. 3:16,19) - Praying in the spirit widens our capacity for the life of God and builds and strengthens our connection with our spirits and God's.

ENCOUNTER NOTES



Day 19– Day 21

HOW TO TRAIN THE HUMAN SPIRIT

Central Truth: *God will use our own spirit to guide us.*

Just as the human mind can be educated and trained intellectually, so the human spirit can be trained spiritually. It can be built up in strength just as the body can be built up. We will look at four ways by which this can be accomplished:

1. Meditating in the Word of God
2. Practicing the Word of God
3. Giving the Word of God first place
4. Instantly obeying the voice of your spirit

As we apply these four principles to our daily lives, we can come to know the will of God in even the minor details of life.

God communicates with the spirit and not with our reasoning faculties. As we instantly obey our spirits, we will find that we are obeying the Holy Spirit. God said in His Word, “The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly” (Prov. 20:27). This means that God is going to use our own spirits to guide us. The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord.

Rule 1 – Meditating in the Word of God

Joshua 1:8 - This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.



Rule 2 – Practicing the Word of God

James 1:22 - *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

Practicing the Word is what James called being a “doer of the Word.” Some people think that being a doer of the Word is keeping the Ten Commandments. However, under the new covenant we have one commandment – the commandment of love. If you love someone, you won't steal from him. You won't lie about him. Paul said love is the fulfilling of the law. If you walk in love, you won't break any law that was given to curb sin.

In this verse of scripture James was urging believers to do primarily what is written in the epistles, to act upon this Word. For example, Paul wrote to the Philippians, “Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God” (Phil. 4:6). The Amplified translation says, “Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything. But in everything by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known unto God with thanksgiving.”

The education of our spirits comes by practicing the Word. Can you reap the results and have peace without being a doer of the Word? No, we really can't.

Rule 3 – Giving the Word First Place

Proverbs 4:20-22 - *My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.*



With so many different voices surrounding us, it is often difficult to stop and listen to the voice of the Word of God. Family and friends are always ready to give us their opinions and advice. However, an essential of training the spiritual man is learning to listen to what God's Word has to say to us. It is giving the Word first place in our lives.

In the verses quoted above, God tells us to do three things with His Word: to listen to it, to read it, and to memorize it. In verse 20 we read, "... incline thine ear unto my sayings." Anytime the Bible is being read aloud – in church, in family devotions, on a gospel radio or television program – give careful attention to its words. Then verse 21 tells us, "Let them not depart from thine eyes ..." In other words, spend time alone reading God's Word. Let it sink deep into your thoughts and your heart. Memorize it, as the second part of verse 21 tells us. "... Keep them in the midst of thine heart."

If we will do these three things, we will find that God's Word is "... life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh" (verse 22). We will enter into the life more abundant in Christ Jesus. We will find physical healing for our bodies. All we need to do is to give God's Word first place in our lives.

Rule 4 – Instantly Obeying the Voice of Our Spirit

The human spirit has a voice. We call that voice 'conscience'. Sometimes it is called intuition. We call it an inner voice of guidance. It is our spirit talking to us. Every man's spirit has a voice, whether he is saved or unsaved. But the new birth is a rebirth of the human spirit. As your spirit meditates upon the Word, this is where your spirit gets its information. Learn to



obey your spirit.

Your spirit has the life and nature of God in it, for the Holy Spirit dwells within you. God has to communicate with you through your spirit because that is where He is. He isn't in your head. He isn't in your reasoning faculties. He is in your spirit. Your spirit gets its information through Him. Learn to obey your spirit.

"The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord ..." (Proverbs 20:27). God will use your spirit to guide you. He will use it to enlighten you. As your spirit meditates and feeds upon the Word, then it becomes more and more a safe guide. It is trained in the Word.

As we learn to obey the voice of our spirit, we will come to the place where we know what we should do in all phases of life. The Lord will guide us. "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6).

PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray and ask for strength to resist temptation (Luke 11:4).
2. Pray for God's love to abound in your heart resulting in discernment and righteousness (Phil. 1:9-11).

ENCOUNTER NOTES



PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION

1. Pray for unity of the body of Christ in our nation (1 Cor 1:10).
2. Pray for the salvation of the lost in your family, workplace, community and nation (John 14:6).
3. Pray that the mercy of God will speak for our nation (Ex. 34:6-7).
4. Pray that God will raise up Josephs who will go to the market place and cause change (Gen. 41:14).
5. Pray for anointed laborers in the vineyard (Matt 9:37-38).
6. May we as a nation be guided by the divine to rediscover the sacred flame of our national heritage, which so many have given their lives to safeguard.
7. Let the wounds of separation and division be healed by opening our hearts to listen to the truth on all sides, allowing us to find a higher truth that includes all.
8. May we learn to honor and enjoy our diversity and differences as a people, even as we more deeply touch our fundamental unity (2 Chr. 7:14).
9. May we, as a people, undergo a transformation that will draw forth individuals to lead our nation who embody courage, compassion, and a higher vision (Ps. 102:15).
10. May our leaders inspire us, and we so inspire each other with our potential as individuals and as a nation, that a new spirit of forgiveness, caring, and honesty be born in our nation (Jer. 29:7).
11. May we, as a united people, move with clear, directed



purpose to take our place within the community of nations to help build a better future for all mankind (Ps. 22:27-28).

12. May we as a nation rededicate ourselves to truly living as one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all (Is. 2:4).
13. And may God's will be done for the Nigeria, as we, the people, align with that will (Job 12:23-25).



PRAYERS ACCORDING TO SPHERES OF INFLUENCE

FAMILY SPHERE

WATCH (6PM – 9PM)

1. We stand in the gap for families in our nation and we repent in areas we have gone wrong. We as fathers, mothers, children, have sinned against you and we ask for mercy (Ps. 28:2).
2. (Ps. 128, Deut. 12:1-14, Gen. 1:27-28, Eph. 5:22, Heb. 13:7) We pray for families in our nation that fathers, mothers and children will take their positions as God originally designed it to be; that there will be no role reversals (Col. 3:21, Deut. 21:18-21, Prov. 22:6, Ps. 127:3).
3. We pray that families will begin to live in conformity to God's will, instilling kingdom values and walking in the cultures of heaven (Isa. 54:13, 2 Tim. 1:5)
4. We pray that parents will learn how to hear from God and teach their children how to do the same, how to



communicate with God and put him first in everything; that parents will mirror the righteousness, justice, mercy and love of God in discipline, training and nurturing their children (1 Sam. 12:24, Prov. 22:6).

5. We pray that families will begin to honor the sanctity of sexual relationships as God intended it to be (Heb 13:4).
6. We pray for protection over families in our nation, state, cities and communities.
7. We pray for the salvation of all families in our city and community that God's light will shine forth and the Holy Spirit will dwell in these homes.
8. We pray for families who have lost a loved one in any way that God's comfort will rest upon them. We pray that they be strengthened and encouraged.
9. We pray for peace in homes where there is estrangement between parents and children, husbands and wives etc. We pray for a heart of understanding; we ask for the spirit of forgiveness to be present and that hearts will be turned towards each other again.
10. We pray for families where there is a battle against addictions - pornography, masturbation, drugs, gambling etc. We ask the mighty hand of God to rest upon their homes, we ask for freedom for individuals going through such bondage. We boldly declare deliverance to those who have been held captive in the cycle of abuse and domestic violence and the peace of God will rule and reign in their hearts.
11. We pray for healthy communication between husbands and wives, parents and children. We pray for an



atmosphere that encourages openness and heart to heart conversations.

12. We declare that the solitary will be placed in families. The Lord gives the desolate a home in which to dwell.
13. We pray for families who have a loved one with sickness/disease of any kind. We ask for healing over them.
14. We declare that our children will be as the dust of the earth; we will spread out to the north, to the west and to east and all the people of the earth will call us blessed. We are blessed all the days of our lives because we walk in your ways. We will eat the fruit of our labor, we are prosperous. Our children are like olive trees around us, our women are a fruitful vine and our men will be taught by you.
15. We pray that leaders in our government understand that the strength of the nation depends on the health of the nation's families and consider carefully the impact of such proposed decisions on marriage and family.



BELIEF SYSTEM

WATCH (9PM - 12AM)

(Ps. 21, Ps. 27, Matt. 5:13, 2Cor. 2:15, 3:3, 3:18, 5:20, 1 Pet. 2:9-10, Matt. 16:18, Prov. 28:1)

1. We repent on behalf of the church. Where we have turned our eyes from you and sought other gods, where we have raised up idols and worshipped them,



where we have betrayed your trust and led the people astray, have mercy on us God (Ps. 6:2)

2. We pray for new wells of spiritual revival, for true fathers and mothers to arise in the body of Christ to disciple the nation; we pray that sons will emerge and do the bidding of fathers and mothers.
3. We pray that the church in our nation will truly be the ambassador of Christ in Jesus' name.
4. We declare that from this day every mindset, every single part of the soul (whether the heart, mind, emotions, will, intellect, contrivance, dispositions, worldview, mentality or mindset, perceptions, understanding, relational skills that are needed including conscience) today receives light, receives illumination, receives clarity of direction. We declare that it be established right now according to God's original design in Jesus name.
5. We pray for seeing eyes, hearing ears, open heavens, angelic activities, and increased voice of God. We bless the church in the nation to be united as one in truth in Jesus' name.
6. We pray for true fathers and mothers to arise in the body of Christ to disciple the nation in Jesus' name.
7. We pray for the church in Nigeria that God will make it a city set on the hill that cannot be hidden, a salt and light in our community that preserves and safeguards us from evil and heralds the gospel of Your kingdom to all who have ears to hear, thereby ushering in your end time purposes.



8. We pray that God will give the leaders of the church wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of their understanding being enlightened, that they may know what is the hope of His calling and the riches of His inheritance in the saints and the exceeding greatness of His power graced to us.
9. We pray that God will energize the church with His continuous outpouring of the Holy Spirit so that we can see more spirit filled men and women who have the fire to evangelize and bring many to the kingdom.
10. We pray that Your light will shine on the church to expose lies we have believed over time and exchange them for the truths of the Father. That we will drop religious ways of doing things and embrace kingdom.
11. We pray that God will circumcise the hearts of men and women in our nation; that we will love the Lord God with all our heart and all our soul.
12. We pray that the church will see the lost through the eyes of God, that we will love with open arms like Father God, a love that erases lies and sees truth; that the church will become attractive to the lost because the love the church portrays will be so evident.
13. Lord, may Your people go forth into their neighborhoods, marketplace and workplaces with boldness to evangelize our cities and country for your glory.



POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT WATCH (12AM – 3AM)

(Ps. 97, Ps. 29, 1 Tim. 2:1-4, Ps. 22:28, Rom. 13:1-14, Dan. 2:22-23, Ps. 2:1-4)

1. Repent on behalf of our leaders in government, repent for bad governance, for wasted resources, for bad policies etc (Ps. 4:1).
2. We declare this nation as a child before the Father and its government is resting on the shoulder of the Almighty God. We declare our government is in peace and bringing peace to this nation. We declare that God Himself who created the heavens and the earth is seating on the throne of Nigeria and directing the affairs of the government.
3. We pray that their leadership will reflect the pattern of the kingdom – righteousness and justice. Laws and courts that measure with justice and our lands constitution. Civil servants that encourage entrepreneurs. We pray that the thrones in every pillar of society will follow after the throne of the kingdom – it is a throne of honor, justice and righteousness.
4. We bless our government with a spirit of justice and honor for every human being, such that evil is dispersed, joy comes to the righteous and terror to the workers of iniquity. Father in heaven, give the church wisdom to steward the leadership of the nation to reflect the kingdom.
5. Father, we bring the needs of our government before you and ask you to bless our nation with godly leaders. We magnify the name of Jesus and declare that He is



Lord over this nation. Pray in the name of the Lord Jesus, for our president, the vice president, the cabinet and the chief and associate justices of the supreme court to receive the wisdom of God, to act in obedience to that wisdom and for the power of God to flow in their lives. Pray for His protection to cover all our law enforcement officers and the men and women of the military.

6. We pray for Godly counsel and wisdom for judges across this land. In the name of Jesus, we pray that You and Your kingdom of righteousness be manifested in the hearts of all those who are in authority in any way.
7. Father, we thank you for your promise in Psalm 2:8, "Ask of me, and I shall give you the nations for your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession". So we ask boldly for the nation of Nigeria, for the government of this land.
8. We pray that our government will reclaim its Christian heritage as many of our nation's founding patriarchs and matriarchs were godly men and women.
9. We pray that you will grant us in Nigeria righteous leaders who will have your wisdom to guide this nation (I Kings 3:9); leaders who can discern between good and bad advice and leaders with the courage and conviction to make righteous decisions.
10. We pray that the leaders will realize that they were appointed by God and that He gave them authority and that they will have to give account to God everything that they do.



11. We ask Father for the salvation of our leaders; we ask that you specifically send people who can witness to them.
12. We pray for policy makers who follow kingdom principles to arise in the seat of governance in our nation.
13. We pray that God will raise up Josephs and Daniels to replace bad advisers around leaders in key positions in government.



BUSINESS AND ECONOMY WATCH (3AM – 6AM)

(Ps. 25, Ps. 24, Ps. 4:1, Deut. 28:1-14, Gen. 2:15, 1 Thess. 4:11-12)

1. We pray for new economic wells to be created; manufacturing firms that produce goods for the nation and provide new jobs for our people; natural resources released, harvested, sold and reproduced; capital to build small businesses that provide services. We pray to recognize opportunities and wisdom to create wealth; abundance to bless the world and the prudence to save and invest; revelation to pass on wealth to our generations.
2. We pray for perseverance to conduct our affairs with good character, while upholding honesty, integrity and loyalty to those we serve.
3. We pray that mercy and truth become the trademark of our businesses. We declare that we are blessed with



creative ideas that are anointed for breakthrough in our economy.

4. We pray that God will help us correctly identify the nation's problems so we proffer solutions to the needs of our nation.
5. We declare that businesses in this nation will nurture an upright generation of business people that will also be blessed. May wealth and riches be in this nation and may their righteousness endure forever in Jesus' name.
6. Father, we ask that your light will shine into the corridors of power in all the business and investment companies, through the closed doors of boardrooms and shareholder meetings, between the lines of companies' policies, between all deals, business projects and money investments in the business sector of our nation.
7. We pray for the area of taxation in this sphere. We ask that the Spirit of truth and conviction will challenge and speak to the hearts of all who do not pay tax where it is due. We pray that God will bring justice in this area and convict those who are robbing the poor to increase their riches, challenge and speak to the hearts of those who believe the lies of cutting corners, using fake materials and others just to make extra profit.
8. Lord we ask that your hands will be on all forms of trade in our nation.



EDUCATION**WATCH (6AM – 9AM)**

(Ps. 112, Prov. 4, Col. 2:8, Prov. 22:6)

1. Father God, we give you thanks for our education system and all who work and partner with this sector.
2. Lord, we ask that all who are involved in this sphere of influence will use their skill wisely to build this section as God has originally designed.
3. We pray that God will give our nation and the church a very comprehensive education system that will be tailored to the needs of the land and to contributing to this generation. We pray for books and universities that develop mind molders who will influence the influential.
4. We bless the education sphere of influence with policy makers, teachers and the right curriculum to impart wisdom, love for learning and values that will bless communities across nations. We ask for a release of the light of God into everyone that is coming to the arena of education, training and development.
5. We pray illumination for every teacher, lecturer, everyone that does training and development, leadership development and resource centers in Jesus name.
6. We pray for courage to be able to share Christ in all schools and institutions. Help us to release your kingdom in our schools imparting into all students your spirit of excellence. Bless all educators and everyone working in the education sphere for their service to our community. Help them to remain



committed to their educational “calling.” Keep them safe in their classrooms and lead and guide them as they teach. Grant them the truth, wisdom, creativity, and grace. Increase also the wisdom and understanding of all parents on how to lead godly lives based on your gospel and law.

7. We pray for the Ministry of Education which is responsible for national policies and programs on education matters. We pray that God will raise kingdom minded leaders.
8. We ask Lord for revival, reformation and transformation in the structure and process of our education system, that God will bring about healing in this sphere.
9. We pray for policies and benefits that will attract the right minds to this sphere of influence.
10. Where there is righteousness God exalts a nation. So, Lord we ask for honesty, integrity, honor, righteousness, unity and the love of Jesus in our nation's education.
11. We pray for educational policies to be created and implemented that benefit the physically and mentally challenged in our nation.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (9AM – 12NOON)

(Job 38, Psalm 19, 1 Thess. 5:23)

1. Thank you, Father, for scientists, researchers, doctors, nurses, paramedics, nutritionists, agriculturists, farmers, everyone who is in this field. Thank you for the wisdom you have given them in using their skill and expertise to better this sphere of influence.
2. We pray for all the people who work in this field for wisdom and knowledge and God's supreme intellect in their lives and in their work place.
3. We pray for those working in these industries, in whatsoever capacity, that they will reflect God's very nature and be patient to wait on God for direction and innovation. We bless them with the mind of Christ.
4. We pray that those who work in this field that their minds be open to understand times and seasons so that they may know how and when things should work in our nation and Africa.
5. We ask that You give wisdom to policy makers in this sphere as they seek the right reforms.
6. Lord, You provide insight to all who seek You. We are asking that you will raise kingdom leaders in this sphere that will seek You before they take decisions that will influence this sphere to bring about reformation and transformation.
7. We ask Your blessing on all who engage in scientific research and technology and all those who provide resources for these works; that choices will be made of projects which both enhance human life and have



- regard to the safety and well-being of the natural order.
8. Lord, we bless our health sector to thrive, to prosper and to heal.
 9. Thank you, Lord, because other nations will be attracted to this nation because of its inventions and advancement in science.
 10. Father we pray for the ministers of these sphere of influence and all those who work with them (mention names were possible). We ask that you will provide them with good and godly wisdom and courage to speak out God's truth.

**MEDIA SPHERE****(12NOON – 3PM)**

(Ps. 29, John 1:1-16, Rom. 10:15, Hos. 4:6)

1. Lord, we give You thanks because the media sphere of this nation lies in Your hands and you can turn it where you will. We thank You for everyone who works in any kind of capacity in this sphere of influence.
2. Thank you, Lord, because the airwaves belong to You and so we declare Lord, that it bows to You.
3. We pray that the gates of media will be opened up.
4. We pray for the media landscape of our nation. Pray that the Lord will cause the kingdom citizens to seize this important portion of society and steward it for the glory of God and it will be media known for wisdom and truth.



5. We ask the Lord to raise kingdom citizens who will develop policies that will redeem the media from being a vessel for spreading more harm than good, to becoming an instrument of educating the society and disciplining it for the kingdom.
6. Pray that God will cause a shift from the mundane to kingdom advancement where creativity and entertainment will build rather than destroy the moral fabric of the nation.
7. We bless the key influencers in the media sphere of influence with illumination and discernment into the truth of what is right and wrong in Jesus' name.
8. We pray for repentance, truth and morality, honesty and integrity, humility, purity, holiness and righteousness to be represented in the contents of our media sphere.
9. We pray for godly open doors and heavenly downloads for kingdom media projects.
10. We pray for apostles of hope to arise in the media sphere.



ART/CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT (3PM – 6PM)

(Ps. 113, Ps. 115, 2 Chr. 5:13)

1. We pray that everyone in this sphere will be illuminated, so that from they will end up with arts that



are directional. Their voices will be heard through music, through dance, drama, all forms of arts or creative arts, depictive arts or whatever kind of arts and sports.

2. We release illumination to those who are supposed to be culture makers and law makers. Let the assembly of God's people, the ecclesia, become true culture builders everywhere we go from this day so that everything will be in accordance with the culture of heaven in Jesus' name.
3. We pray that the Lord will help us fan the flames of the giftings that have been vested in individuals in our nation in these areas of arts, sports and culture. We declare that the Lord will begin to include them in a godly way so that those who are called in these areas have employment and find purpose.
4. We pray that the Lord will help us appreciate unity in diversity in the area of the different cultures that are bounded in our nation, the different arts and sports. We ask him for open minds so that people will not despise or shun one type of culture or sport or art simply because they do not understand it or do not see its relevance in their lives.
5. We pray for godly open doors and heavenly downloads for kingdom projects in the arts, culture and entertainment.
6. We ask for guidance and direction as we prepare, film and finish editing films, plays write ups that will influence the people for proper values and mold the



kingdom culture.

7. We pray for tourism that attracts nations that will bring about development in Nigeria.
8. We pray for developing and implementing programs that encourage increased participation in sports and culture.
9. We ask for delivery of resources that provide guidance to support inclusive, safe and ethical projects in this sphere.
10. We pray for all who are caught up in the activities of this sphere and neglect/ignore their relationship with God and the people in the Body of Christ. We pray for them to have a breakthrough in their lives and establish/renew a deep relationship with Christ, and find ways to use their talents to relate and share their faith with other people.

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Appendix

PRAYING THROUGH THE YEAR 2021

- Declare the Shalom of the LORD over every gate of this new year (2021). The gates of this season will be for you gates of righteousness and praise and your walls salvation. Wherever the man of peace shall be, the peace of Jehovah will rest upon you. Wherever there shall be a man of violence, they shall be judged in this strong season of judgement and retribution Psalm 118:12, Isa 60:18-20, Rev 4:11.
- Command the gates of that day to be lifted up unto the LORD for the King of glory to go in and for His purposes alone to be accomplished in your life. Ps 24:7-10
- Proclaim Jer 51.20-23. As the heavens declare, once judgments are meted out, it is time to enforce the decrees against the enemy. Pray that the LORD will use you, as His instrument of transformation in this coming season of conflict with the enemy in order to bring redemption.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you grow in areas where you are still being spiritually childish, oversensitive, or irresponsible or unaccountable. The LORD is looking for matured sons who will be useful stewards for the LORD's estate. If you are to be an instrument of justice and righteousness then you will



need to be mature and responsible with an understanding of your legal authority as a kingly priest before. Pray that your territory will not be ashamed before other nations because you and other kingdom citizens in the territory are matured sons who will contend with every enemy at the gates. Pray that you will grow up and become such a son who will partner with the LORD in the Great Commission. Psalm 127, Jer 49:1-2, Gal 4:1-3.

- Pray that He will reveal the original you more and more as you enter another year of your life. (Psa 139:13-15)
- Thank Him that He has a purpose for your life and it will be fulfilled.
- Prophecy that you will grow in your spirit man into a mature son so that you can receive your inheritance. Wherever you go in this new year, creation will experience release from frustration because you are growing not just in years but also in maturity of spirit to take responsibility of your Father's estate i.e. the territory GOD has allowed you to inhabit. Rom 8:19-20, Gal 4:1-2.
- Prophecy the blessing of Joseph. Speak to the earth and declare that the earth will bring forth its best for you in this New Year. Prophecy to the heavens to declare the glory of GOD over your life every day of this New Year. Deut 33:13-17, Lev 26:4-5, Hos 2:21-22, Psa 19:1-2, Isa 55:12.
- The Scripture says that while men slept the enemy sowed tares. The enemy is closer than you think, they



know you would recognize them so they ensure you are asleep and unaware before they come to spoil. Ask the LORD to open your inner eyes so that you can see where you are part of the problem; part of those who involve themselves in these ungodly practices that escalate to government level.

· Prophecy that you will live and not die prematurely in any area of your life. Your family will live, the work of your hand will live and grow from strength-to-strength Deut 33:6, Psa 27: L13, 118:17.



