Awaken the Dawn!

(a practical guide for seeking God every day)
I will awaken the dawn...

Around the world, people are rising early in the morning to seek Jesus. Here are a few Biblical admonitions to follow the same pattern.

:: Ps 5:3 In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice; In the morning I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch.

:: Ps 57:8 Awake, my glory! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

:: Ps 59:16 But as for me, I shall sing of Your strength; Yes, I shall joyfully sing of Your lovingkindness in the morning, For You have been my stronghold And a refuge in the day of my distress.

:: Ps 88:13 But I, O LORD, have cried out to You for help, And in the morning my prayer comes before You.

:: Ps 90:14 O satisfy us in the morning with Your lovingkindness, That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

:: Ps 92:1-2 It is good to give thanks to the LORD and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning and Your faithfulness by night...

:: Ps 108:2 Awake, harp and lyre; I will awaken the dawn!

:: Ps 119:147 I rise before dawn and cry for help; I wait for Your words.

:: Ps 143:8 Let me hear Your lovingkindness in the morning; For I trust in You; Teach me the way in which I should walk; For to You I lift up my soul.

:: Is 50:4b ...He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.

:: Lam 3:22-23 The LORD’s lovingkindesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

:: Mark 1:35 In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.

:: Luke 21:38 And all the people would get up early in the morning to come to Him in the temple to listen to Him.
Seeking God through the Word, Worship, & Prayer

You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. – Jer 29:13

There is no “right way” to seek God with all our hearts. The ultimate goal is to abide in Jesus throughout the day, every day... what Paul called praying without ceasing (1 Thes 5:17). But there are some broad avenues paved in scripture enabling mankind to pursue and interact with the God of the cosmos: namely the Word of God itself, worship, and prayer. And there is a clear pattern in scripture of great heroes of the faith – and Jesus himself – to set aside the morning time to fix our gaze on Christ, like aiming an arrow before releasing it into the wilds of whatever the day may hold.

This is a primer, a tool to be used in your own pursuit of God. Let the fundamental lessons learned here blossom within the context of how God has uniquely designed you. May this little booklet propel you into a journey of cultivating deeper intimacy with God. And may the truths contained herein empower you to lovingly and willingly submit to the Lordship of Christ from the moment you wake up, promote a worshipful heart throughout the day – no matter the challenges that come your way, and stimulate your mind as you lay down at night meditating on the wonders of this great God we serve.
Spending Time with God

• 20 mins: **Read** and **meditate** on the word of God (Ps 1:1-3). Some ideas for personal Bible study...

**Two great resources for understanding how to study the Bible include the ESV Study Bible (highly recommended) and the Bible Project Videos (thebibleproject.com)

- Choose a Bible reading plan (e.g. The Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan – can be found on the internet).
- Pray a simple prayer before reading asking the Holy Spirit to guide you into all truth (John 14:26). The Bible can be a confusing book, and we have the amazing privilege of sitting with the author while reading it to ask His insight, in addition to wonderful commentaries and other helpful resources.
- As you read, don’t simply read for information, but for transformation. We don’t want to be merely hearers of the word, but doers also (James 1:22-24). Ask three simple questions as you read: what does this passage say about the character of God? What does this passage say about mankind? And how can I practically respond to this passage today?
- Words mean things and context is king! Take note of the word choice. It was intentional. Because of this, read a translation that is more true to the original grammar and syntax like ESV or NASB. And words mean things in context. Let scripture interpret scripture. Never base a belief on one word or phrase, but on the whole teaching of scripture.
- Jot down questions that arise as you read and seek counsel from an experienced mentor for input on how to interpret and apply scripture.
- To meditate simply means to think deeply about. If a passage of scripture stands out to you, don’t just keep plowing through the text. Stop and think about it. Talk to the Lord about it. Chew on it and internalize it. Hide it in your heart so that, like the Psalmist, you won’t sin against God (Ps 119:11). Pick one scripture a week for memorization. Pray that verse throughout the day so it “gets in you.”

• 20 mins: **Worship** God in Spirit and truth (John 4:24). Some ideas for how to worship on your own...

- Pick a handful of scriptures from the Character of God list and marvel in your heart at the wonder of who He is!
- Grab your iPod or other device and **sing** along to some great songs that stir your heart for Jesus
- Postures are important, as the outward often reflects inward realities: sit in silence (Ps 46:10), stand (Ps 119:120), lay prostrate or kneel (Ps 95:6), dance (Ps 149:3), jump (Luke 6:23), sing (Ps 47:6), lift your hands (Ps 63:4), clap and even shout (Ps 47:1, if it won’t wake everyone up!). The posture of the heart often needs a physical outlet.

• 20 mins: **Pray** (Luke 11:9-13). Some ideas for how to seek God through prayer...

- Prayer is a conversation. It is as much about listening as it is about talking, like in any other relationship. Begin by listening to the Lord. Ask a question like, “Father, what do you think about me today?” Or, “is there anyone in my life who needs encouragement today?” God speaks to us in a myriad of ways, most often in the still, small, intuitive voice (1 Kings 19:11-13, Acts 8:29) and His word (2 Tim 3:16-17). Note, He will never speak to you in a way that is contrary to scripture.
- Prepare your heart by praying **IOUS**
  - Incline (Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain! – Ps 119:36)
  - Open (Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. – Ps 119:18)
  - Unite (Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. – Ps 86:11)
  - Satisfy (Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. – Ps 90:14)
- Keep a journal nearby as you spend time with God so that you can write down what He speaks to you, revelations from scripture, your own thoughts about God, etc.
- **CONFESS** any known sin and ask for His cleansing (Ps 51:1-10); **SUBMIT** yourself to God (James 4:6-7), surrendering your thoughts, actions, will, finances, and future; and **THANK** God for His mercy (1 Thes 5:18)
- Intercede on behalf of those God has placed in your life (use one of the guides in this booklet if needed)
- Look ahead to your day and put on Christ (Rom 13:14), ask for wisdom (James 1:5-6), and for the power of the Holy Spirit before you step out the door (1 Cor 12:4-11)
Using the Lord’s Prayer as a Guideline

Pray, then, in this way: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. (Matt 6:9-13)

Our Father who is in heaven...
Recognize your relationship with God as Father. What does it mean that God is Father? For example, father’s provide for, protect, cherish, discipline, champion, etc. their children. He is in Heaven which means He is powerful and able to guide and direct the circumstances in your life.

...Hallowed be Your name
Worship God for who He is! Use the resource in this book that lists verses describing the character of God if you need help. For something to be hallowed means that it is revered, set apart. Ask God to make His name great in your own heart and in the hearts of those around you.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven
This is both a prayer of intercession and submission. What does God’s kingdom look like? He is worshipped and loved. There is no sickness, lack, or sin. We’re asking Him to impose His kingdom on us! What a great prayer. And we are submitting to His will. God, have your way in my life today. Show me any way that I have strayed outside the bounds of your will.

Give us this day our daily bread
This can certainly be a prayer for provision, but the greater reality of this prayer is that Christ himself is our bread (c.f. John 6:35-51). We’re asking for help to abide with Him today. To “taste and see that He is good.”

And forgive us our debts, as we have also forgiven our debtors
This is an opportunity to daily “clean house” in your soul like David did in Psalm 51, asking God to create in him a clean heart. Repent of any known sins. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any other ways you have dishonored God’s glory. And forgive anyone who has sinned against you. What a great way to live! Clean before God, and not holding a debt against anyone else.

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil
Each day is fraught with temptation. Ask the Holy Spirit to “lead you in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.” Meditate on God’s word and hide it in your heart so that you won’t sin against Him. Make an internal resolve that you will trust in Christ to deliver you when temptation arises, and look forward to walking in that freedom and the blessing it brings since the pure in heart see God!

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever
End with worship. God is worthy simply because He is! Not because your circumstances are or aren’t lining up. A God-centered life – opposed to a “me-centered” live – gives Him glory and will bring the most joy to you.
Declarations

- Ex 14:14 The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.

- Deut 31:8 It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

- Ps 9:9-10 The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

- Ps 18:3 I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

- Ps 23:4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me...

- Ps 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

- Ps 34:17 When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

- Ps 37:4 Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

- Ps 50:15 ...call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

- Ps 86:5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

- Ps 103:2-5 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love & mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

- Prov 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

- Is 40:29-31 He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

- Is 41:10 ...fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

- Is 41:13 For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, “Fear not, I am the one who helps you.”

- Is 43:2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

- Is 54:10 For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

- Is 54:17 ...no weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD and their vindication from me, declares the LORD.”
Is 61:1-4 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion – to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Jer 29:11-13 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Matt 6:31-33 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matt 7:7-11 Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Mark 11:24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

John 14:12-18 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Rom 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Phil 4:6-7 ...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Phil 4:19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Apostolic Prayers

People to pray for in your sphere of influence:

- **John 17:20-24** I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

- **Rom 15:5-6, 13** May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ... 13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

- **Eph 1:17-19** ...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might...

- **Eph 3:14-19** For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

- **Phil 1:9-11** And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

- **Col 1:9-12** And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

- **1 Thes 3:12-13** ...and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, 13 so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

- **2 Thes 1:11-12** To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, 12 so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Temple Prayer

In much of the Old Testament period, the temple was where someone had to go to pray, offer sacrifices, and be in God’s presence (1 Kings 8:10-11, 2 Chron 7:1-7, Matt 21:13). But now followers of Jesus are the temple where God’s presence dwells (1 Cor 6:19). The Bible is full of lengthy descriptions of the blueprints for constructing the tabernacle and later the temple. It is easy to gloss over these seemingly inconsequential details, but we actually discover wonderful truths about how to interact with God today since we are now the temple of the Holy Spirit. What follows is a diagram of Solomon’s temple with some descriptions below of what each component signified and how to pray as we approach God in the “holy of holies” – an experience that was reserved for one man once a year before Christ came, but now available to all who call on the name of Jesus (Heb 4:16, 9:1-14)

1. The Court
   - The Brazen Altar – where the sacrifices were offered for sin
     - Meditate on the cross of Jesus and its meaning (John 8:36, i.e. salvation, healing, provision for the debt of sin)
     - Rejoice that He rose again from the dead to permanently defeat sin and death (1 Cor 15:55-57)!
   - The Laver (Molten Sea) – where the priests washed after offering sacrifices
     - Confess sin and thank God for His cleansing and renewal (1 John 1:9)
     - Prepare ourselves by offering the members of our body to God for His service (Rom 12:1)

2. The Holy Place
   - The Table of Shewbread – where bread was placed continually. Read and meditate on a passage of scripture (Ps 1:1-3)
   - The Candlesticks – where fire burned continually before God
     - Ask for the fruit of the Holy Spirit to be manifest in your life (Gal 5:22-23)
     - Ask for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to the glory of God (Is 11:2, Rom 12:4-8, 1 Cor 12:4-11)
   - The Altar of Incense – where incense rose day and night before God. Worship God for who He is (Ps 141:2): Provider (Gen 22:14), Healer (Ex 15:26), Banner (Ex 17:15), the One Who Makes Me Holy (Lev 20:7-8), Peace (Judg 6:24), Shepherd (Ps 23:1), Righteousness (Jer 23:6)

3. The Holy of Holies
   - The Veil – used to separate the people from the presence of God. Rejoice that it is now torn! (Matt 27:51)
   - The Ark of the Covenant & the Mercy Seat – the place where God dwelt, the place of intercession
     - Be still in the presence of God (Ps 46:10)
     - Intercede for family, friends, church, the lost, your city, state, nation, and nations (1 Tim 2:1-4). Let God be the guide and place on your heart what is on His heart (Rom 8:26-27)
Ripple Prayer

The phrase “ripple prayer” was coined by David Yonggi Cho – pastor of the largest church in the world, located in South Korea. Like ripples created by a stone thrown in a pond, begin by recognizing Jesus (the Stone) is the one who works in the hearts of men by His Spirit, and then work your way out in concentric circles until you “cover the world” with intercession!

If you don’t know what to pray for people, you can always turn to the word of God for help:

1. **Pray for your own personal walk with Jesus**
   Ask for passion for Him. Tear down any barriers that have been erected against the knowledge of God in your mind.
   Ask for forgiveness and His power to accomplish His will.

2. **Pray for those closest to you**
   Your spouse, parents, grandparents, siblings, children, extended family, friends, work associates, church members, neighbors

3. **Pray for your city, county, state, and nation**
   Leaders, needs, spiritual issues

4. **Pray for other nations** (Operation World by Jason Mandryk is a great resource, available on Amazon)
   Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest field. Ask that the body of Christ would be strengthened and grow to maturity. Ask that every unreached people would be reached with the good news of Jesus

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![Diagram of concentric circles representing various levels of focus for prayer, starting with Jesus at the center and expanding outward to include international events, missionaries, city church leaders, family, church leadership, neighbors, close relationships, state representatives, national leaders, and the body of Christ.]
Tending Your Heart

“Watch over [guard] your heart with all diligence for out of it flow the springs of life.” (Prov. 4:23)

### Attentiveness
To walk in your healing, be attentive to your heart. Take note of:

- Disappointment, discouragement, fear, loneliness, worry, anxiety, lust, anger, hatred, or anything that moves you out of peace and rest throughout the day.

### Replacement
If we do not fill that place with Him we will fill it with something else. “Do not let your heart be troubled” [Amp. distressed. agitated] (John 14:1)

### Ask the Father
When we are moved from that place of security and rest, get into the presence of God, open your mind and heart to Him and ask:

- “Father what is this really about?” Listen and don’t discount what you receive.
- “What am I believing here?”
- Stay with Him in that place. Ask Him to speak to you about that broken place.

### Process

- **Recognize** - admit the lie.
- **Renounce** the lie (loudly enough to hear yourself).
- **Repent** for accommodating the lie and partnering with the enemy.
- **Ask forgiveness** for how you have responded to your wound by self-protection, denial, or self-comfort....
- **Forgive** others where necessary.
- **Receive!!** Ask what the Father has for you in exchange. Write down what you receive.
- **Rejoice** in what He has given you in exchange for the lie (loudly enough to hear yourself). Declare it over your life. Thank Him and worship.

### Scripture Memory
Here are some ideas to aid you in the process of memorizing scripture:

- **Praying the scriptures**
  - As you read the Bible, pray verses back to God that stand out to you or move you in some way
  - Attach certain passages with people that you pray for. Pray those passages for that person each time you intercede for them

- **Meditation and visualization**
  - Pause and visualize the passage that you are attempting to memorize. This exercise takes time but can be extremely effective when it comes to internalize scripture.
  - Even if the passage that you are memorizing is not descriptive, picture the author, or speaker, teaching the passage. For example, if you are memorizing the Beatitudes, picture being on the mount, seated at Jesus’ feet while he gives this famous monologue.

- **Index cards and repetition**

- **Putting scripture to song, or other art form**
  - Exposure to various forms of media can help to solidify concepts in our brain. This is a fun way to memorize scripture and you can be very creative here.
Affirmations

- I recognize that there is only one true and living God (Ex 20:2-3) who exists as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is worthy of all honor, praise, and glory as the One Who made all things and holds all things together (Col 1:16-17).

- I believe that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:1, 14). I believe that He came to destroy the works of the devil (I John 3:8) and that He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public display of them, having triumphed over them (Co 2:15).

- I believe that God demonstrated His own love for me in that while I was still a sinner, Christ died for me (Rom 5:8). I believe that He has delivered me from the domain of darkness and transferred me to His kingdom, and in Him I have redemption, the forgiveness of sins (Col 1:13-14).

- I believe that I am now a child of God (I John 3:1-3) and that I am seated with Christ in heavenly places (Eph 2:6). I believe that I was saved by the grace of God through faith, and that it was a gift and not a result of any works on my part (Eph 2:8-9).

- I choose to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might (Eph. 6:10). I put no confidence in the flesh (Phil 3:3), for the weapons of warfare are not of the flesh but are divinely powerful for the destruction of strongholds (2 Cor 10:4). I put on the full armor of God (Eph 6:10-20). I resolve to stand firm in my faith and resist the evil one.

- I believe that apart from Christ I can do nothing (John 15:5), so I declare my complete dependence on Him. I choose to abide in Christ in order to bear much fruit and glorify my Father (John 15:8). I announce that Jesus is my Lord (I Cor 12:3), and I reject all counterfeit gifts or works of the enemy in my life.

- I believe that the truth will set me free (John 8:32) and that Jesus is the truth (John 14:6). If He sets me free, I will be free indeed (John 8:36). I recognize that walking in the light is the only path of true fellowship with God and man (I John 1:3-7). Therefore, I stand against all of Satan’s deception by taking every thought captive in obedience to Christ (2 Cor 10:5). I declare that the Bible is the only authoritative standard for truth and life (2 Tim 3:15-17).

- I choose to present my body to God as a living and holy sacrifice (Rom 12:1) and the members of my body as instruments of righteousness to God (Rom 6:13). I choose to renew my mind by the living Word of God in order that I may prove that the will of God is good, acceptable and perfect (Rom 12:2). I put off the old self with its evil practices and put on the new self (Col 3:9-10). I declare myself to be a new creation in Christ (2 Cor 5:17).

- By faith, I choose to be filled with the Spirit (Eph 5:18) so that I can be guided into all truth (John 16:13). I choose to walk by the Spirit so that I will not carry out the desires of the flesh (Gal 5:16).

- I renounce all selfish goals and choose the ultimate goal of love (I Tim 1:5). I choose to obey the two greatest commandments: to love the Lord my God with all my heart, soul, and mind, and strength and to love my neighbor as myself (Matt 22:37-39).

- I believe that the Lord Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth (Matt 28:18) and that He is the head over all rule and authority. I am complete in Him (Col 2:10). I believe that Satan and his demons are subject to me in Christ since I am a member of Christ’s body (Eph 1:19-23). Therefore, I obey the command to submit to God and resist the devil (James 4:7).
Who I Am In Christ

Romans 12:2 says to “be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” Most people have never been told who they really are in Christ. Consequently, we let the world, under the influence of Satan, define us. Because we don’t know who we are, we do not know the will of God for our lives. Understanding what God says about us enables us to follow Him more fully.

I am accepted...
- John 1:12 I am God’s child.
- John 15:15 As a disciple, I am a friend of Jesus Christ.
- Romans 5:1 I have been justified.
- 1 Corinthians 6:17 I am united with the Lord, and I am one with Him in spirit.
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 I have been bought with a price and I belong to God.
- 1 Corinthians 12:27 I am a member of Christ’s body.
- Ephesians 1:3-8 I have been chosen by God and adopted as His child.
- Ephesians 2:8 I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit
- Colossians 1:13-14 I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.
- Colossians 2:9-10 I am complete in Christ.
- Hebrews 4:14-16 I have direct access to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ.

I am secure...
- Romans 8:1-2 I am free from condemnation.
- Romans 8:28 I am assured that God works for my good in all circumstances.
- Romans 8:31-39 I am free from any condemnation brought against me and I cannot be separated from the love of God.
- 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 I have been established, anointed and sealed by God.
- Colossians 3:1-4 I am hidden with Christ in God.
- Philippians 1:6 I am confident that God will complete the good work He started in me.
- Philippians 3:20 I am a citizen of heaven.
- 2 Timothy 1:7 I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind.
- 1 John 5:18 I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me.

I am significant...
- John 15:5 I am a branch of Jesus Christ, the true vine, and a channel of His life.
- John 15:16 I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.
- 1 Corinthians 3:16 I am God’s temple.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 I am a minister of reconciliation for God.
- Ephesians 2:6 I am seated with Jesus Christ in the heavenly realm.
- Ephesians 2:10 I am God’s workmanship.
- Ephesians 3:12 I may approach God with freedom and confidence.
- Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.
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