

# ***God Lives in the Heart of Every Christian***

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## **Dedication**

We are pleased to dedicate this book to evangelist Mary Sarindhorn of Bangkok, Thailand. In her first email to us approximately ten years ago, Mary said, "I was given your book *Trust God For Your Finances* by a friend of mine. As soon as I started reading, I could not put the book down. I have done exactly what you recommended in this book."

In another email Mary said "I have helped my friend translate *Trust God For Your Finances* into Thai. I intended to make about 50 or 60 photocopies of this translation to distribute to my friends. After my pastor read the translation he asked for 700 copies to distribute at the

special yearly conference for pastors. My immediate thought was that I could not do this, but he urged me to pray and try my best. Surprisingly, it worked out. Thank God. More than 1,000 people attended the conference. We distributed 700 copies to only the pastors, elders and deacons who really wanted the book. After the conference we had so many calls that another 2,000 copies were printed. Thank you, Mr. Hartman for this book which is helping so many Thai Christians.”

Mary has quoted from our books when she speaks in her evangelical conferences. Mary has quoted from our books in Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia and Columbia. Mary, we thank the Lord for our relationship. We are honored and privileged to dedicate this book to you. We look forward to continued correspondence with you in the future.

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## **Introduction**

If Jesus Christ is your Savior, you can be certain that the same God Who created you lives in your heart. We will study several passages of Scripture pertaining to this magnificent spiritual truth. We also will study Scripture that explains that Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit also live in the heart of every person who has received Jesus Christ as his or her Savior.

If you are not absolutely certain that Jesus Christ is your Savior, we urge you to stop reading now. Go to the Appendix at the end of this book. Read this Appendix carefully. Receive Jesus Christ as your Savior. Eternal life in heaven begins the moment you believe.

God does not live in the hearts of unbelievers. The unbelief of these people blocks them from having God Who created them living in their hearts. "...your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you..." (Isaiah 59:2)

We pray that you will carefully study and meditate on the Scripture references in this book. We believe that these promises of God's indwelling presence will transform the life of every person who will obey God's specific instructions to meditate day and night on this Scripture (see Joshua 1:8 and Psalm 1:2-3).

We now use *The Amplified Bible* exclusively in our books. I (Jack) have been using *The Amplified Bible* since 1975. At that time only *The Amplified New Testament* was available. I bought this version of the Bible when I saw it in a Christian bookstore because of an inscription from Dr. Billy Graham on the cover. Dr. Graham said, "This is the best Study Testament on the market. It is a magnificent translation. I use it constantly."

*The Amplified Bible* is the result of the study of a group of Bible scholars who spent a total of more than 20,000 hours amplifying the Bible. They believe that traditional word-by-word translation often fails to reveal the shades of meaning that are part of the original Greek, Hebrew

and Aramaic biblical texts.

Their amplification of the original text uses brackets for words that clarify the meaning and parentheses for words that contain additional phrases included in the original language. Through this amplification the reader will gain a better understanding of what Hebrew and Greek listeners instinctively understood.

We would like to give you a specific example of why we use *The Amplified Bible* exclusively:

- “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” (Philippians 4:13, *The King James Version*)
- “I can do all this through him who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:13, *The New International Version*)
- “I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ’s sufficiency].” (Philippians 4:13, *The Amplified Bible*)

Please note the significant amplification of the original Greek in *The Amplified Bible*. If you make the decision to meditate on Philippians 4:13, you will find that there is much more depth of meaning in *The Amplified Bible* version of this verse.

We recommend that you first read through this book completely. Enjoy God’s continued teaching regarding His indwelling presence in your heart.

Then read through the book a second time and highlight or underline all Scripture references and our explanation of this Scripture that is especially meaningful to you. Write notes in the margin or at the top or bottom of each page. If you do, you then will be able to meditate on the specific passages of Scripture that you have identified as being important to you.

We blend together our explanations of Scripture. We thank God for the high privilege of dividing His Word, each of us bringing different expertise to create a final book for you. Imagine a husband and wife, each with a bedroom/office at home, working together every day with different viewpoints that God brings together harmoniously. We are very grateful that God has used us in this way since 1991.

We explain each passage of Scripture in simple and easy-to-understand language. We pray that the scriptural contents of this book and our explanation of this Scripture will help you to learn valuable scriptural truths pertaining to the undeniable truth that God the Father, Jesus

Christ and the Holy Spirit live in *your* heart if Jesus Christ is your Savior.

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## Chapter 1

### Your Father Lives in Your Heart

God's ways are much higher and very different from the ways of human beings (see Isaiah 55:8-9). Do not limit God by the limitations of your human logic and understanding. We will begin by studying the theme verse of Scripture for this book. "One God and Father of [us] all, Who is above all [Sovereign over all], pervading all and [living] in [us] all." (Ephesians 4:6)

God is your Father if Jesus Christ is your Savior. God lives "above all" in heaven where He sits on His throne (see Zechariah 6:13). The amplification says that God is "Sovereign over all." The word "sovereign" in this context means that God rules over everyone and everything in the entire universe (see I Chronicles 29:11-12).

We then are told that God "pervades" everything. The word "pervade" means to be spread out. God is above all in heaven. He is spread out throughout the entire universe. Ephesians 4:6 concludes by telling us that God lives in the heart of His children (those who have received Jesus Christ into their hearts).

God is omnipresent. Stuart Hamblen's great song "How Big Is God?" contains the following words: "He is big enough to rule this mighty universe, yet small enough to live within my heart."

God is not limited to being in one place. He can be and is in an infinite number of places at the same time. "...Do not I fill heaven and earth? says the Lord." (Jeremiah 23:24)

God *fills* heaven and earth. His mighty presence is everywhere. "Anyone who confesses (acknowledges, owns) that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides (lives, makes His home) in him and he [abides, lives, makes his home] in God." (I John 4:15)

The word "anyone" at the beginning of this verse is all-inclusive. *Every* person who has received Jesus Christ as his or her Savior can be certain that God "abides, lives, makes His home in him." If Jesus Christ is your Savior, the Creator of the universe lives in *your* heart. God is your

Father. You are His beloved child. "...in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith." (Galatians 3:26)

The words "through faith" at the end of this verse instruct you to *believe* that God truly *is* your Father. The Holy Spirit Who lives in the heart of every person who has received Jesus Christ as his or her Savior will confirm this great spiritual truth. "The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God." (Romans 8:16)

Every person who receives Jesus Christ as his or her Savior receives the Holy Spirit. "...because you [really] are [His] sons, God has sent the [Holy] Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba (Father)! Father!" (Galatians 4:6)

God has sent the Holy Spirit to live in your heart to assure you that you are God's child and that God truly is your Father. The word "Abba" means father. "...to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name—who owe their birth neither to bloods nor to the will of the flesh [that of physical impulse] nor to the will of man [that of a natural father], but to God. [They are born of God!]" (John 1:12-13)

You were born physically when you emerged from your mother's womb. You are born again spiritually when you receive Jesus Christ as your Savior. You are born of God at that time. God Himself becomes your Father. "...you are no longer outsiders (exiles, migrants, and aliens, excluded from the rights of citizens), but you now share citizenship with the saints (God's own people, consecrated and set apart for Himself); and you belong to God's [own] household." (Ephesians 2:19)

Unbelievers are outsiders. They are prohibited from being members of the family of God. If Jesus Christ is your Savior, you "belong to God's own household." God always emphasizes through repetition. His Word repeatedly tells you that He is your Father. God said, "...I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters..." (II Corinthians 6:18)

If Jesus Christ is your Savior, you can be *certain* that the same God Who created you is your Father. "See what [an incredible] quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should [be permitted to] be named and called and counted the children of God! And so we are!..." (I John 3:1)

God's love for each of us is so incredible that all Christians are God's children. Do *not* look at God as being far away from you. God could not be closer to you. He said, "Am I a God at

hand, says the Lord, and not a God afar off?” (Jeremiah 23:23)

God is omnipresent. He lives in heaven. He also lives in your heart if Jesus Christ is your Savior. He wants you to be certain that He is not far away. He lives inside of you. “...He is not far from each one of us. For in Him we live and move and have our being...” (Acts 17:27-28)

God wants you to “live and move and have your being” in Him. He wants you to be *so* certain that He is your Father and that He lives in your heart that every aspect of your life revolves around your absolute certainty of His indwelling presence.

Do not put anyone or anything ahead of God. Do not put members of your family ahead of God (see Matthew 10:37). Do not put your occupation ahead of God. Focus every aspect of your life on your absolute certainty that God *is* your Father and that He *does* live in your heart.

Unfortunately, many Christians look at God as a distant God. God seems to be far away from them. Do not make the mistake of looking at God as a far-away God. This chapter contains several verses of Scripture confirming that God could not be closer to you. Enjoy your loving Father 24 hours a day throughout every day of your life.

In this first chapter we have studied several verses of Scripture that assure you that, if Jesus Christ is your Savior, God is your Father and He lives in your heart. In the next chapter we will study Scripture that explains the supernatural power of God. If Jesus Christ is your Savior, the supernatural power of Almighty God, the Creator and the Ruler of the entire universe, lives *within you*.

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## **Chapter 2**

### **The Supernatural Power of God Is within You**

In this chapter we will study Scripture that will explain how God’s supernatural power can and will help you *if* you know what the Bible instructs you to do to receive His power. Jesus Christ is our example in every area of our lives. Jesus was very much aware of the supernatural power of God within Him throughout His earthly ministry. He said, “...the Father Who lives continually in Me does the (His) works (His own miracles, deeds of power).” (John 14:10)

Jesus Christ was equal to God and had supernatural power when He was in heaven (see Philippians 2:5-8). However, Jesus chose to set aside this supernatural power when He came to earth as a human being. Throughout His earthly ministry Jesus depended totally on God's power in Him and through Him just as you can do (see John 5:19).

The *same* Father God Who lived in the heart of Jesus at that time lives in your heart today if Jesus Christ is your Savior. God's supernatural power can and will work in you and through you just as His power worked in and through His beloved Son during His earthly ministry.

Live every day of your life with a continual consciousness that *you* have the same supernatural power within you that created all of the planets and galaxies in the universe. You have supernatural power within you that is greater than nuclear power or any other power on earth. "The Lord your God is in the midst of you, a Mighty One..." (Zephaniah 3:17)

Do not fear anyone or anything on earth. Identify continually with God living in your heart and with His supernatural power. God is not afraid of anyone or anything. You have every right to be afraid if you are depending on your limited human abilities (see Isaiah 2:22, Galatians 3:3 and Philippians 2:13).

God does *not* require you to depend on your human abilities. Live with a constant awareness that the same God Who created heaven and earth lives in your heart. The prophet Jeremiah said, "...Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! There is nothing too hard or too wonderful for You." (Jeremiah 32:17)

No problem that you will ever face, no matter how difficult this problem may seem, is too difficult for Almighty God Who lives within you. The Bible speaks of God "Who made [the constellations] the Bear, Orion, and the [loose cluster] Pleiades, and the [vast starry] spaces of the south; Who does great things past finding out, yes, marvelous things without number." (Job 9:9-10)

The same God Who created earth, the moon, the stars and all of the planets and galaxies lives in your heart if Jesus Christ is your Savior. He is able to do great things in you, through you and for you that are beyond the limitations of your human comprehension. "...You reign over all. In Your hands are power and might; in Your hands it is to make great and to give strength to all." (I Chronicles 29:12)

When this verse says that God will "give strength to all," the word "all" includes you. Your Father Who lives in your heart places His supernatural strength and power within you

when you receive Jesus Christ as your Savior.

How great and mighty and strong and powerful is God? The Bible speaks of "...the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places]." (Ephesians 1:19-20)

God's supernatural power is "immeasurable and unlimited." His power surpasses anything you could even begin to comprehend with the limitations of your human understanding. God is *so* powerful that He was able to raise Jesus Christ from the dead and to seat Him at His right hand in heaven.

Astronomers know that there are trillions of stars in the universe. There are so many stars that no human being can even begin to count the exact number of stars. God Who lives in *your* heart not only knows the exact number of stars He created, but He also has a name for every one of the trillions of stars. "He determines and counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by their names. Great is our Lord and of great power; His understanding is inexhaustible and boundless." (Psalm 147:4-5)

Problems that seem to be very complicated to you are not difficult for God to solve because "His understanding is inexhaustible and boundless." When you face a problem that seems to have no solution, God always can see a way out. Jesus Christ said, "...With men this is impossible, but all things are possible with God." (Matthew 19:26)

Please note the words "all things" in this verse. These words include *every* problem you will ever face, no matter how difficult this problem might seem to you.

God is omnipresent. He also is omniscient. There is nothing in the entire universe that He does not understand completely. The psalmist David spoke of God's omniscience when he said, "O Lord, you have searched me [thoroughly] and have known me. You know my downsitting and my uprising; You understand my thought afar off. You sift and search out my path and my lying down, and You are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue [still unuttered], but, behold, O Lord, You know it altogether." (Psalm 139:1-4)

God knows when you go to sleep each night and when you wake up. He knows every thought of every one of the billions of people in the world. God knows every word that you speak. He even knows what you will say before you speak. If Jesus Christ is your Savior, you

have supernatural power at work within you. "...it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you [energizing and creating in you the power and desire], both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight." (Philippians 2:13)

Your Father loves you with an incredible love that is beyond the limitations of your human understanding (see Isaiah 54:10). He is with you at all times. He will keep you safe. "...The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him; He covers him all the day long, and makes His dwelling between his shoulders." (Deuteronomy 33:12)

God Who lives in your heart is watching over you all day long every day of your life. He will help you to the degree that you focus on His indwelling presence and trust in His supernatural power.

God will not always use His power instantly when you face adversity. Your faith in Him is necessary to release His supernatural power on your behalf. The Bible speaks of "...those who through faith (by their leaning of the entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness) and by practice of patient endurance and waiting are [now] inheriting the promises." (Hebrews 6:12)

God's supernatural power will be released in your life to the degree that you lean completely on Him "with absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness." You will inherit God's promises to the degree that you add "patient endurance and waiting" to your faith in God.

Focus continually on Scripture pertaining to God's indwelling presence, His supernatural power and His promises to help you and strengthen you when you face severe adversity. Keep trusting God with unwavering faith in Him for as long as He requires you to persevere in faith.

In this chapter we have studied Scripture pertaining to the omnipotence and omniscience of God and God's promises to release His mighty power in your life. In the next two chapters we will study what the Bible teaches about the supernatural power of Jesus Christ Who lives in your heart and the Holy Spirit Who lives in your heart. The more that you know and understand about the supernatural power that is at work within you, the more certain you will be that you *are* able to live in the resurrection power of Jesus Christ.

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## **Chapter 3**

### **Jesus Christ Lives in Your Heart**

In the last chapter we studied Scripture explaining that God is omnipresent. God can sit on His throne in heaven and rule the entire universe and also live in the heart of every Christian throughout the world. Jesus Christ *also* is omnipresent. He can sit on His throne in heaven next to God and also live in the heart of every Christian in the world. “All who keep His commandments [who obey His orders and follow His plan, live and continue to live, to stay and] abide in Him, and He in them. [They let Christ be a home to them and they are the home of Christ.]...” (I John 3:24)

You are instructed to “abide” in Jesus Christ as He abides in you. You abide in Christ to the degree that you obey God’s instructions and focus on His indwelling presence. The more conscious you are of God’s indwelling presence, the more you will know that Jesus Christ also lives in your heart. “May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts!...” (Ephesians 3:17)

Please note the words “through your faith” in this verse. Do you have absolute faith that Jesus Christ lives in your heart because the holy Scriptures say that He does? Your faith is the determining factor pertaining to the indwelling presence of Jesus Christ.

The final amplification in this verse says that Jesus Christ makes His “permanent home” in your heart. The word “permanent” means lasting and unchanging. Jesus Christ will live in your heart throughout the remainder of your life. Jesus said, “...behold, I am with you all the days (perpetually, uniformly, and on every occasion), to the [very] close and consummation of the age....” (Matthew 28:20)

The amplification in this verse says that Jesus Christ is with you “on every occasion.” No matter what you do or where you go, Jesus wants you to have absolute certainty that He lives in your heart and that He is always with you. He promises that He will be with you until the end of time.

The following words that Jesus spoke to His disciples many years ago are His words to you today. Jesus said, “...My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and

intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]” (John 14:27)

Jesus has given *you* His supernatural peace. Refuse to allow yourself to be afraid of anything. Why would you ever be afraid of anything if you are absolutely certain that the victorious Jesus Christ lives in your heart? Jesus said, “...In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]” (John 16:33)

When Jesus Christ victoriously rose from death, He won a victory over every problem you will ever face. The amplification at the end of this verse says that He has deprived any problem in the world from being able to harm you because He has conquered it for you.

The more that you study and meditate on the Scripture references in this chapter, the more certain you will be that the victorious Jesus Christ really does live in your heart. “...Do you not yourselves realize and know [thoroughly by an ever-increasing experience] that Jesus Christ is in you...?” (II Corinthians 13:5)

The apostle Paul was absolutely certain that Jesus Christ lived in his heart. Paul had been beaten, tortured, stoned and shipwrecked, but he persevered throughout all adversity because of his absolute faith that Jesus Christ lived in his heart. Paul said, “For me to live is Christ [His life in me]...” (Philippians 1:21)

Paul died to himself. Jesus Christ was his entire life. Paul said, “I have been crucified with Christ [in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

The amplification at the beginning of this verse says that Paul “shared” in the crucifixion of Christ. Paul went on to say that he no longer was living his life for himself. Jesus Christ Who lived in his heart was in control. Paul had absolute faith in Christ.

Follow Paul’s example. Live your life with absolute and complete trust in the indwelling Jesus Christ Who gave His life for you. Keep Jesus in first place in your life at all times. Have a continual consciousness of the indwelling presence of the victorious Jesus Christ Who gave His life for you and won a total victory over every problem you will ever face. Jesus said, “He who loves [and takes more pleasure in] father or mother more than [in] Me is not worthy of Me; and

he who loves [and takes more pleasure in] son or daughter more than [in] Me is not worthy of Me.” (Matthew 10:37)

These words that Jesus spoke to His disciples many years ago are His words to you. Love Jesus first. Then you will love your parents, your spouse and your children with a greater love than you ever thought possible.

In the last two chapters we have studied Scripture assuring you that Father God lives in your heart and that Jesus Christ lives in your heart. In the next chapter we will carefully study what the Bible teaches about the third person of the holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit, Who *also* lives in your heart.

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## **Chapter 4**

### **The Holy Spirit Lives in Your Heart**

At the Last Supper Jesus began to prepare His disciples for what their lives would be like after He died, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. Jesus said, “...I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever—the Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him or know and recognize Him. But you know and recognize Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you.” (John 14:16-17)

Jesus told His disciples that He no longer would be with them in the flesh after He ascended into heaven. He told them that God would provide “another Comforter” for them even though He no longer would be there to comfort and help them. This Comforter is the Holy Spirit.

The amplification in this verse explains the many things that the Holy Spirit would do to help the disciples. These words that Jesus spoke to His disciples also are His words to you today in regard to what the Holy Spirit will do in your life.

The Holy Spirit comes into your heart the moment you believe and receive Jesus Christ as your Savior. He is your Helper. If you trust Him completely, He will help you with the

problems you face. He wants you to be certain that He *will* help you whenever you need help.

The Holy Spirit is your Intercessor. He represents you to God. He intercedes for you when you pray to God.

The Holy Spirit is your Advocate. An advocate is someone who pleads for another person. A lawyer is an example of an advocate. The Holy Spirit pleads to God on your behalf.

The Holy Spirit is your Strengthener. When you are weak, He will strengthen you with His supernatural strength, power and ability.

The Holy Spirit is your Standby. He stands by you throughout every minute of every hour of every day of your life. He is with you at all times, no matter what challenges you face.

Unbelievers cannot receive the Holy Spirit. Unbelievers live worldly lives that are dictated by their senses. Only Christians who have received Jesus Christ as their Savior receive the Holy Spirit.

Study and meditate on the Scripture references in this chapter. You did not do anything to earn the Holy Spirit. You do not deserve to have the Holy Spirit living within you. God gave you the Holy Spirit as His *gift* to you. “Do you not know that your body is the temple (the very sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit Who lives within you, Whom you have received [as a Gift] from God? You are not your own...” (I Corinthians 6:19)

In previous chapters we explained that God is omnipresent. He is able to be in an infinite number of places at the same time. He can sit on His throne in heaven and live in the heart of every Christian believer throughout the world. Jesus Christ also is omnipresent. He sits on a throne next to God in heaven. He also lives in the heart of every Christian throughout the world. The Holy Spirit is omnipresent. “...God’s Spirit has His permanent dwelling in you [to be at home in you, collectively as a church and also individually]...” (I Corinthians 3:16)

The Holy Spirit lives collectively in the hearts of all Christians everywhere. He also lives individually in your heart. The Holy Spirit has His “permanent dwelling” in your heart. God put the Holy Spirit in your heart to guide you and to help you to understand His Word and obey His instructions. God said, “...I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall heed My ordinances and do them.” (Ezekiel 36:27)

Your Father wants you to yield control of your life to the Holy Spirit. He wants you to “...live and move not in the ways of the flesh but in the ways of the Spirit [our lives governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy

Spirit].” (Romans 8:4)

Unbelievers center their lives around their fleshly desires. God wants you to center your life around “the ways of the Spirit.” He wants your life not to be controlled by fleshly desires but to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. “...you are living the life of the Spirit, if the [Holy] Spirit of God [really] dwells within you [directs and controls you]....” (Romans 8:9)

You are living the way that God wants you to live to the degree that you yield control of your life to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to direct and control your life. The more that you turn away from fleshly desires and turn to godly desires, the more you will grow and mature as a Christian. Jesus said, “Whoever finds his [lower] life will lose it [the higher life], and whoever loses his [lower] life on My account will find it [the higher life].” (Matthew 10:39)

Unbelievers and unyielded Christians are focused on their “lower life” – a life of worldly goals and desires. Mature Christians who yield control of their lives to the Holy Spirit experience “the higher life.” God progressively reveals life to them from His perspective. “...walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God).” (Galatians 5:16)

Please note the word “habitually” in the first amplification in this verse. Surrender control of your life to the Holy Spirit. We have just studied three verses of Scripture (Romans 8:4 and 9 and Galatians 5:8) that instruct you to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. Gladly yield control of your life to the Holy Spirit. Allow Him to guide you continually. The more that you do this, the more you will live the way God wants you to live.

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## **Chapter 5**

### **The Kingdom of God Is within You**

In the last chapter we studied John 14:16-17 where you are told that the Holy Spirit will help you and strengthen you. We studied additional Scripture that instructs you to surrender control of your life to the Holy Spirit. If you truly believe that the Holy Spirit will help you and

strengthen you and if you do surrender control of your life to the Holy Spirit, you will *not* be afraid when you face severe adversity. God said, "...My Spirit stands and abides in the midst of you; fear not." (Haggai 2:5)

In addition to the Holy Spirit helping you when you face adversity, you can be certain that Jesus Christ Who lives in your heart knows exactly what you are experiencing. He also will help you. "...because He Himself [in His humanity] has suffered in being tempted (tested and tried), He is able [immediately] to run to the cry of (assist, relieve) those who are being tempted and tested and tried [and who therefore are being exposed to suffering]." (Hebrews 2:18)

Please note the words "in His humanity" in the first amplification in this verse. Jesus Christ came to earth as a human being. He trusted completely in His Father.

Because of what Jesus experienced in His humanity during His earthly ministry, He understands exactly what you are going through in your humanity. Because of this understanding, He is able to help you whenever you are being "tempted and tested and tried."

Trust Jesus Christ Who lives in your heart to help you. Trust the Holy Spirit Who lives in your heart to help you. Trust the same God Who created heaven and earth and lives in your heart to help you. Be like the psalmist who said, "My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:2)

The same God Who helped the psalmist will help you if you have absolute faith in the complete reliability of every promise in His Word (see Numbers 23:19, Joshua 23:14, Jeremiah 1:12, I Corinthians 1:9, II Corinthians 1:20 and Hebrews 6:18). Focus continually on the indwelling presence of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. "...you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and reach full spiritual stature]...." (Colossians 2:10)

If Jesus Christ is your Savior, you are "filled with the Godhead – Father, Son and Holy Spirit." You will "reach full spiritual stature" if you are absolutely certain that Father God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit live in your heart. Place all of your trust and confidence in Father, Son and Holy Spirit to live in you and through you and to solve severe problems that you cannot solve with the limitations of your human ability. Jesus said, "...the kingdom of God is within you [in your hearts] and among you [surrounding you]." (Luke 17:21)

The kingdom of God is not limited to heaven. The kingdom of God is within the heart of every believer. When you receive Jesus Christ as your Savior, you are connected to God. You

are spiritually plugged into the kingdom of God within your heart.

In the last five chapters we have studied many Scripture references about God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit living inside of you. The New Testament speaks primarily of God *in* you. The Old Testament speaks often of God being *with* you. In the next two chapters we will carefully study what the Bible teaches about God being with you at all times.

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## **Chapter 6**

### **God Is Always with You**

If you are a Christian, you are never alone. God promises that He will be with you whenever you face adversity. God promises that He will bring you safely through this adversity. God said, “He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him...” (Psalm 91:15)

God repeatedly promises that He will be with you when you face adversity. God said, “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned or scorched, nor will the flame kindle upon you.” (Isaiah 43:2)

Please note that the word “through” is used *three times* in this verse of Scripture. Your Father promises to bring you safely *through* whatever problems you face. Persevere in your faith in God. Absolutely refuse to give up. This promise that God made to the Israelites many years ago also is God’s promise to you today.

When you face adversity, refuse to focus on the adversity. Focus instead on the undeniable truth that the same God Who created you is with you in this adversity. Meditate continually on God’s promises to bring you safely through whatever problems you face. “The strong spirit of a man sustains him in bodily pain or trouble...” (Proverbs 18:14)

The words “strong spirit” refer to your faith in God. Meditate continually on these promises that God is with you when you are in trouble and that He will bring you through all adversity. God said, “...call on Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you...” (Psalm 50:15)

This book is filled with promises that God lives in your heart if Jesus Christ is your Savior. He is with you throughout every minute of every hour of every day. He will bring you safely through all adversity. “God is our Refuge and Strength [mighty and impenetrable to temptation], a very present and well-proved help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear...” (Psalm 46:1-2)

Your Father promises that He will give you supernatural strength whenever you are in trouble. Do not be afraid. Have absolute faith that God *will* help you. “...with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment.” (Luke 1:37)

The word “nothing” in this verse applies to whatever problem you face. If you know that God is with you and that He can solve every problem, no matter how difficult any problem may seem to you, absolutely refuse to give up. “Have not I commanded you? Be strong, vigorous, and very courageous. Be not afraid, neither be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

These words that God spoke to Joshua when he succeeded Moses as the leader of Israel also are God’s words to you today. God *commands* you not to be afraid because of your certainty that He is with you wherever you go.

God always emphasizes through repetition. He repeatedly instructs you not to be afraid because He is with you. God said, “Fear not [there is nothing to fear], for I am with you; do not look around you in terror and be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties, yes, I will help you; yes, I will hold you up and retain you with My [victorious] right hand of rightness and justice.” (Isaiah 41:10)

Once again God tells you not to be afraid because He is with you. He will strengthen you. He will help you. “The Lord will give [unyielding and impenetrable] strength to His people...” (Psalm 29:11)

The amplification in this verse speaks of “unyielding and impenetrable strength.” God promises to give you supernatural strength that is so strong that it will not yield to anything. Nothing can penetrate the supernatural strength that God will give you. “...be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].” (Ephesians 6:10)

Please note the words “through your union with Him” in the first amplification in this

verse. Stay close to God. Focus continually on His indwelling presence.

The apostle Paul faced a great deal of adversity in his life. Paul said, "...I am well pleased and take pleasure in infirmities, insults, hardships, persecutions, perplexities and distresses; for when I am weak [in human strength], then am I [truly] strong (able, powerful in divine strength)." (II Corinthians 12:10)

God's ways are very different and very much higher than the ways of human beings (see Isaiah 55:8-9). Your Father instructs you to be "well-pleased and take pleasure" when you face adversity. *Why* would you be pleased when you face severe problems? Paul went on to explain that he was pleased that God would give him His supernatural strength when he was weak in human strength.

The following words that Moses spoke to the Israelites when they faced a mighty Egyptian army are God's words to you today. "Be strong, courageous, and firm; fear not nor be in terror before them, for it is the Lord your God Who goes with you; He will not fail you or forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Refuse to yield to any problem you face, no matter how powerful it is. Your Father goes with you. He promises that He will never fail you or forsake you. God said, "...behold, I am with you and will keep (watch over you with care, take notice of) you wherever you may go." (Genesis 28:15)

You can be certain that your Father is with you at all times. He assures you that He is watching over you. Be like the psalmist who said, "...I am continually with You; You do hold my right hand. You will guide me with Your counsel..." (Psalm 73:23-24)

Think back to when you were a little child. Did you feel secure when one of your parents was holding your hand? You can be secure today because you know that your heavenly Father is "continually with you" and that He is holding your hand.

This chapter is filled with promises that God will help you when you face adversity. In the next chapter we will study additional promises that also assure you that God is with you when you face adversity and that He will bring you through every problem you face.

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## Chapter 7

### God Will Fight for You

Your Father is with you at all times. You can trust Him completely to fight battles that you cannot win with your limited human abilities. "...the Lord your God is He Who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies...." (Deuteronomy 20:4)

These words that Moses spoke to the Israelites are God's words to you today. King Hezekiah, the king of Judah, spoke similar words to his followers when they faced a mighty army that was overwhelming in its power. He said, "...with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles...." (II Chronicles 32:8)

God always emphasizes through repetition. When you see the same principle being stated in two or more Scripture references, you can be certain that God is emphasizing what He is telling you. Your Father has just told you twice that He *is* with you and that He *will* fight your battles for you.

Refuse to be overwhelmed when you face a difficult challenge. Meditate on these passages of Scripture. Know that God is with you. He will help you. "Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it]." (Hebrews 4:16)

Once again you are instructed not to be afraid. Trust God completely. Humble yourself before Him. Draw near to His throne of grace. He promises to give you mercy and grace. This verse and the amplification promise that God will help you with "every need, appropriate help and well-timed help coming just when you need it." Trust God to meet *every* need that you have (see Psalms 23:1, 14:9-10 and 84:11, Romans 8:32, Philippians 4:19 and II Peter 1:3). Trust His perfect timing (see Psalm 104:19, Luke 1:20 and James 5:7-8).

When King Jehoshaphat and the Israelites faced a vastly superior army, God did not want them to be afraid. He told them that He would fight the battle for them. The following words that God spoke to King Jehoshaphat are God's words to you today. "...The Lord says this to you: Be not afraid or dismayed at this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's." (II Chronicles 20:15)

Once again you are instructed *not* to be afraid when you face a formidable challenge. No matter how difficult any problem may be, you can be certain that God is with you and that He will fight the battle for you. “The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace and remain at rest.” (Exodus 14:14)

Moses spoke these words to his followers when they were pursued by a large Egyptian army. Moses assured the Israelites that the Lord would fight for them. He did not want them to be afraid. He instructed them to rest in God.

God honored the faith of the Israelites. Even though the Israelites were pursued by a large army behind them and they faced high and impassable mountains to the right and left and the Red Sea before them, God made a way. “Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night and made the sea dry land; and the waters were divided. And the Israelites went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.” (Exodus 14:21-22)

God supernaturally caused the Red Sea to be parted so there would be a passage of dry land where the Israelites could go through. God told Moses exactly what to do when the Egyptian army attempted to follow. “Then the Lord said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and horsemen.” (Exodus 14:26)

Moses obeyed God’s instructions. When the Egyptians attempted to follow the Israelites, the water returned and destroyed the formidable Egyptian army. “So Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its strength and normal flow when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled into it [being met by it]; and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians and shook them off into the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that pursued them; not even one of them remained.” (Exodus 14:27-28)

This marvelous story of the help that God gave to the Israelites many years ago is a perfect example of the help that your Father will give you today. Focus on His indwelling presence. Rest in Him, absolutely refusing to be upset by the severity of any obstacle you face. “...the Lord said, My Presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest.” (Exodus 33:14)

These words that God spoke to Moses many years ago are God’s words to you today. Focus continually on God’s indwelling presence. Know that He is with you. Rest in Him. Refuse

to be overwhelmed by the severity of any problem you face. "...the Lord has given you rest from your sorrow and pain and from your trouble and unrest..." (Isaiah 14:3)

God wants you to know that He is with you at all times. He wants you to be certain that He will bring you safely through whatever problem you face *if* you will rest in Him. "...he who has once entered [God's] rest also has ceased from [the weariness and pain] of human labors..." (Hebrews 4:10)

This verse and the amplification instruct you to cease from trying to solve difficult problems with your limited human abilities. Do not struggle and strain. Do not try to make things happen. Enter into God's rest. Trust your Father within you completely to do in you, for you and through you what you cannot do yourself.

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## **Chapter 8**

### **Turn Away from the World**

The first five chapters of this book were filled with encouraging Scripture references. The holy Scriptures assure you that, if Jesus Christ is your Savior, the same God Who created you lives in your heart. The victorious Jesus Christ lives in your heart. The Holy Spirit lives in your heart.

We devoted Chapters 6 and 7 to what the Bible teaches about God being *with* you. If God lives in you, He obviously is with you at all times. Your Father has given you many promises telling of the blessings that He will give you because He is continually with you.

In this chapter we will study Scripture that will encourage you to turn away from trusting in your human abilities and from placing all of your trust in worldly sources of security. Place your trust and confidence in the indwelling presence of God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. God's Word instructs us to "...put no confidence or dependence [on what we are] in the flesh and on outward privileges and physical advantages and external appearances." (Philippians 3:3)

Some Christians are fearful because they think that they need to solve difficult problems

with their human abilities. Your Father instructs you to put “no confidence” in your human abilities and in external sources of security. God instructs each of His children to “...keep oneself unspotted and uncontaminated from the world.” (James 1:27)

If your life revolves around the indwelling presence of God, you will not be contaminated by anything in the world. Your priorities will be the way God wants them to be. “For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh [craving for sensual gratification] and the lust of the eyes [greedy longings of the mind] and the pride of life [assurance in one’s own resources or in the stability of earthly things]—these do not come from the Father but are from the world [itself].” (I John 2:16)

The second amplification in this verse speaks of “assurance in one’s own resources or in the stability of earthly things.” Trust God as your only source of security. Turn within yourself for the greatest security in the entire universe – the indwelling presence of Almighty God.

Do not live the way that many religious people live. Their lives do not revolve around the indwelling presence of God. The following words that Jesus Christ spoke about the Pharisees apply to many people today. Jesus said, “These people draw near Me with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts hold off and are far away from Me.” (Matthew 15:8)

Do not be a person who goes through the motions of being religious without being completely focused on the indwelling presence of Father God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. The following words that the apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Colossians many years ago are God’s words to you today. Paul, speaking of Jesus Christ, instructed the Colossians to live in such a way that “...He alone in everything and in every respect might occupy the chief place [stand first and be preeminent].” (Colossians 1:18)

Keep the indwelling presence of God first in your life – far ahead of anything in the world. Be like the psalmist who said, “...I have no delight or desire on earth besides You.” (Psalm 73:25)

Do not make the mistake that some Christians make of paying mental assent to the truth of the indwelling presence of God, but not centering their lives around Him. What could possibly be more important to you than the great scriptural truth that the Creator of the universe lives in *your* heart if Jesus Christ is your Savior?

We see a good example of this principle in the scriptural story of two sisters named Martha and Mary. Martha invited Jesus to visit in her home. “...Jesus entered a certain village, and a woman named Martha received and welcomed Him into her house.” (Luke 10:38)

The following explanation of the different ways that Martha and Mary received Jesus clearly illustrates how Jesus wants you to live today. "...she had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at the Lord's feet and was listening to His teaching. But Martha [overly occupied and too busy] was distracted with much serving; and she came up to Him and said, Lord, is it nothing to You that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me [to lend a hand and do her part along with me]!" (Luke 10:39-40)

Mary focused continually on Jesus. She sat at His feet and listened intently to His teaching. Martha focused on external things. She asked Jesus to tell Mary to help her in her preparation to serve Him.

Mary was concerned only with staying close to Jesus and learning from Him. The following words that Jesus spoke to Martha explain how He wants your relationship with Him to be. "...the Lord replied to her by saying, Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; there is need of only one or but a few things. Mary has chosen the good portion [that which is to her advantage], which shall not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:41-42)

Make the quality decision that you will live the way that Mary lived instead of being preoccupied with seemingly important things in the world the way that Martha did. This book is filled with Scripture references pertaining to the indwelling presence of God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Meditate consistently on these Scripture references. Make the decision that your life will revolve continually around the indwelling presence of God instead of revolving around anyone or anything in the world.

Live your life consistently from the inside out, not from the outside in. Center your life around your Father Who lives in your heart, Jesus Christ Who lives in your heart and the Holy Spirit Who lives in your heart.

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## **Chapter 9**

### **Keep God in First Place**

Your Father instructs you to focus continually on Him. "...set your mind and heart to

seek (inquire of and require as your vital necessity) the Lord your God....” (I Chronicles 22:19)

Please note the words “vital necessity” in the amplification in this verse. Keeping God in first place is not a nice-to-have. Keeping God first at all times is absolutely necessary. Your Father wants your life to revolve around Him. “...[earnestly] remember the Lord and imprint Him [on your minds]...” (Nehemiah 4:14)

When you do something “earnestly,” you are very focused on whatever you are doing. You are instructed to “imprint” God on your mind. Think about the indwelling presence of God continually. “Have the roots [of your being] firmly and deeply planted [in Him, fixed and founded in Him], being continually built up in Him, becoming increasingly more confirmed and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and abounding and overflowing in it with thanksgiving.” (Colossians 2:7)

Your Father does not want you to have a shallow surface relationship with Him or no relationship at all. He wants your relationship with Him to be deeply rooted. He says that your relationship with Him should be “continually built up.” “Seek the Lord [inquire for Him, inquire of Him, and require Him as the foremost necessity of your life]...” (Zephaniah 2:3)

In the amplification of this verse you are instructed to require God as “the foremost necessity of your life.” Your Father has specifically instructed you to place your relationship with Him ahead of everything else in your life.

Focus your life around your absolute certainty that the same God Who created you lives in your heart. Have the same focus on the indwelling presence of Jesus Christ and the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. The following verse, speaking of Jesus Christ, says, “...abide in (live in, never depart from) Him [being rooted in Him, knit to Him]...” (I John 2:27)

You are instructed to “abide” in Christ. The first amplification instructs you to “never depart” from Him. The second amplification instructs you to be “rooted in Him, knit to Him.”

Do these words describe *your* relationship with Jesus Christ? Does every aspect of your life revolve around the indwelling presence of the victorious Jesus Christ Who rose from the dead to give His supernatural victory to you? “...thanks be to God, Who in Christ always leads us in triumph [as trophies of Christ’s victory]...” (II Corinthians 2:14)

Thank your Father continually. He has made provision for Jesus Christ to *always* lead you in triumph. Keep God in first place in your life. Keep Jesus Christ first. Keep the Holy Spirit first. Be like the psalmist David who said, “I have set the Lord continually before me; because

He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad and my glory [my inner self] rejoices; my body too shall rest and confidently dwell in safety.” (Psalm 16:8-9)

Please note that David said that he set the Lord *continually* before him. Because of this constant focus on the Lord, David was not moved by any adversity he faced. He rejoiced within himself because he rested in the Lord. He had absolute confidence that the Lord would keep him safe. At a later time David said, “My soul, wait only upon God and silently submit to Him; for my hope and expectation are from Him. He only is my Rock and my Salvation; He is my Defense and my Fortress, I shall not be moved.” (Psalm 62:5-6)

Please note David’s use of the word “only” two times in this passage of Scripture. David did not look to any other source. He submitted his life to God (see John 12:24-26, Romans 8:9, I Corinthians 6:19-20 and Galatians 2:20, 5:6 and 5:25). Focus your life continually on God Who lives in your heart. “Let your eyes look right on [with fixed purpose], and let your gaze be straight before you. Consider well the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established and ordered aright. Turn not aside to the right hand or to the left; remove your foot from evil.” (Proverbs 4:25-27)

This passage of Scripture instructs you to be single-minded. Do not turn to the left or to the right. Keep God in first place at all times. Be continually aware of His supernatural indwelling presence. Be like the psalmist who said, “My whole being follows hard after You and clings closely to You; Your right hand upholds me.” (Psalm 63:8)

The psalmist spoke of his “whole being.” Every aspect of his life was focused on God. He clung closely to God at all times. He knew that God would prevent him from falling if he kept Him first and trusted Him completely. “You will guard him and keep him in perfect and constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, and hopes confidently in You.” (Isaiah 26:3)

Would you like to be certain that God is guarding you and protecting you at all times? Do you want your Father to keep you in “perfect and constant peace?” God has promised to give you these great blessings if your mind is *stayed* on Him because you are totally and completely committed to Him and because you place all of your hope and confidence in Him.

God has given every person freedom of choice (see Psalm 25:12 and I Corinthians 6:12 and 8:9). He will never force any human being to worship Him. If you choose not to focus on God’s indwelling presence, God will allow you to ignore Him. God made the very important

decision to live in the heart of *every one* of His children throughout the world. Do not make the mistake that some of God's children make of living their lives with little or no focus on the supernatural indwelling presence of God.

Jesus Christ is your example in every area of life. Throughout His earthly ministry His life revolved continually around God's indwelling presence. He knew that His Father was with Him continually. He kept God in first place at all times.

Do these words describe your life? Are you continually conscious that the God of the universe lives inside of you and that He is with you throughout every minute of every hour of every day of your life? Do you keep Him in first place at all times? Do you trust Him completely?

Some Christians do not know what the Bible teaches about God living in their hearts. Other Christians know this scriptural truth, but they merely pay mental assent to the indwelling presence of God. They are religious, but their lives revolve primarily around personal goals and people and events in the world.

We pray that you will not take the scriptural contents of this book lightly. These Scripture references clearly tell you that the same God Who created everything in the universe lives in *your* heart if Jesus Christ is your Savior. Focus continually on the indwelling presence of God. Keep Him in first place in your life at all times.

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## **Chapter 10**

### **Continually Draw Closer to God**

In the last two chapters we discussed the importance of focusing your life on God Who lives in your heart. If you consistently focus your life on the indwelling presence of God, you will have a close and intimate relationship with Him. Jesus Christ shed His precious blood so that you can draw close to God. "...in Christ Jesus, you who once were [so] far away, through (by, in) the blood of Christ have been brought near." (Ephesians 2:13)

All of us are separated from God when we are born. Every person is born as a descendant

of Adam. Every person is born with a sin nature derived from Adam and Eve's disobedience to God. People who receive Jesus Christ as their Savior receive a new life. Their inherited sin nature is gone. They have the precious opportunity to continually draw closer to God.

Do not take this great privilege lightly. Learn and obey the specific instructions that your Father has given to you in regard to drawing closer to Him. "...the Son of God has [actually] come to this world and has given us understanding and insight [progressively] to perceive (recognize) and come to know better and more clearly Him Who is true..." (I John 5:20)

Jesus Christ came into this world to give *you* the ability to know God more intimately. The second amplification in this verse instructs you to "progressively" draw closer to God. When you do something progressively, you do whatever you are doing in gradual stages of development. A close and intimate relationship with God is a relationship that will steadily increase over a period of time if you make the decision to consistently focus on drawing closer to God. Do not make the mistake that some Christians make. "...God is great, and we know Him not!..." (Job 36:26)

Many Christians live a religious lifestyle. They go to church one or more times each week. They pray for a few minutes each day. However, their lives revolve around themselves and their personal goals and desires instead of revolving around the indwelling presence of God Who created them. These Christians do not have an intimate relationship with God.

If Jesus Christ is your Savior, you have spiritual power within yourself that is much greater than nuclear power or any other power in the world. If you consistently center your life around the indwelling presence of God and meditate day and night on God's Word, the supernatural power of God will be released in your life. The Bible speaks of "...Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]." (Ephesians 3:20)

God's power within you is *so* great that He is able to "do superabundantly far over and above all that you dare ask or think." God's power within you is "infinitely beyond your highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams." Do not miss out on the glorious opportunity to receive this supernatural power that resides within you if Jesus Christ is your Savior.

Be ready to pray immediately for any person who faces a severe problem. We pray immediately whenever we hear a siren letting us know that someone needs God's help, comfort

and wisdom. Create the habit of talking to God about everything. Cultivate your relationship with your Father. Cherish Him.

When Jesus Christ becomes your Savior, a new spiritual person is born within you. The Bible refers to this spiritual person as "...the hidden person of the heart..." (I Peter 3:4)

When the Bible speaks of your heart, it does not refer to the organ in your body that pumps blood. It refers to your spiritual heart which is at the center of your being. The hidden person of your heart is the "real you." This spiritual person comes alive within you when you receive Jesus Christ as your Savior.

The hidden person of the heart requires spiritual food just as your body requires natural food. Your body is fed with food that goes into your mouth. The hidden person of the heart is fed with spiritual food that goes into your eyes and your ears as a result of continually feeding the Word of God to yourself through consistent Bible study and Scripture meditation.

Many Christians are spiritually malnourished. They do not feed the Word of God into their minds and their hearts on a regular and consistent basis. They depend on their pastor to do their Bible study for them.

We have spent hundreds of hours finding the Scripture in this book that tells you exactly what to do to constantly draw closer to God Who lives in your heart. Make the quality decision that you will feed this Scripture into your eyes, your ears, your mind and your heart on a regular and consistent basis. Nourish yourself continually with the supernatural spiritual food that God has provided to feed the hidden person of the heart.

Christians who consistently draw closer to God become more and more one with Him. Their lives revolve around His indwelling presence. They turn away from the attractions and diversions in the world. They turn away from personal goals and desires. They follow the example of the psalmist who said, "My inner self thirsts for God, for the living God..." (Psalm 42:2)

The words "inner self" in this verse refer to the hidden person of your heart. Thirst for a close and intimate relationship with the living God. "Come close to God and He will come close to you..." (James 4:8)

You decide how close you will be to God. God did not make you a puppet. He gave you freedom of choice for every decision you make. If you make the quality decision to consistently focus on God's indwelling presence, "He *will* come close to you."

Your loving Father wants to have a close and intimate relationship with each of His children. He wants each of His children to focus his or her life around a constant awareness of His indwelling presence. Develop a humble and teachable attitude. Learn everything that you can about the indwelling presence of God and how to consistently draw closer to Him. “He leads the humble in what is right, and the humble He teaches His way.” (Psalm 25:9)

God will teach you if you are humble and teachable. He will show you exactly what to do to center your life around His indwelling presence and to consistently draw closer to Him. “Without having seen Him, you love Him; though you do not [even] now see Him, you believe in Him and exult and thrill with inexpressible and glorious (triumphant, heavenly) joy.” (I Peter 1:8)

Even though you have never seen God with your physical eyesight, you can be constantly aware of His indwelling presence. We show our love for God by consistently obeying the specific instructions He has given to us in the holy Scriptures (see John 4:24 and I John 2:5 and 5:3).

Make the decision to renew your mind each day by studying the Word of God (see II Corinthians 4:16 and Ephesians 4:22-23) and meditating day and night on the holy Scriptures (see Joshua 1:8 and Psalm 1:1-3). Show your love for God by consistently learning and obeying the instructions He has given to you in His Word.

In this chapter we have begun to study Scripture about developing a closer and more intimate relationship with God. In the next chapter we will expand this teaching so that you will learn more from God’s Word about how to consistently draw closer to God, to center your life continually around His indwelling presence and to know that you are never alone.

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## **Chapter 11**

### **You Will Never Be Lonely**

Once you understand the vital importance of focusing your life around the indwelling presence of the Lord, you might be motivated to make a commitment to pay the necessary price

to know God better. "...pursue that consecration and holiness without which no one will [ever] see the Lord." (Hebrews 12:14)

The word "consecration" means to devote yourself entirely to reverence for God. Holiness is focusing completely upon exalting God. If you make the commitment to revere God and exalt Him and center your life around Him, you will know Him more intimately. "...consider yourselves also dead to sin and your relation to it broken, but alive to God [living in unbroken fellowship with Him] in Christ Jesus." (Romans 6:11)

Turn away from any sinful habits that are caused by putting yourself first ahead of God. Put God in first place where He belongs. Keep Him there. The amplification in this verse instructs you to live in "unbroken fellowship" with God. The word "unbroken" means constant. Continually draw closer to God. Center your life around Him. "The secret [of the sweet, satisfying companionship] of the Lord have they who fear (revere and worship) Him..." (Psalm 25:14)

This verse tells you the secret of enjoying a close and intimate relationship with God. When you fear God, you revere Him. You worship Him. You hold Him in absolute awe. Every aspect of your life revolves around Him. "...Fear God [revere and worship Him, knowing that He is] and keep His commandments, for this is the whole of man [the full, original purpose of his creation, the object of God's providence, the root of character, the foundation of all happiness, the adjustment to all inharmonious circumstances and conditions under the sun] and the whole [duty] for every man." (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

Please note the words "the full, original purpose of his creation" in the second amplification in this verse. God created you to fear Him and to revere Him. You are told in this amplification that fearing God and obeying His instructions are "the root of character and the foundation of all happiness." Surrendered Christians fear God. Surrendered Christians live happy, meaningful and fulfilling lives.

Are you in awe every time you think that the Creator of all of the billions of people who have ever lived and of everything in the entire universe lives in *your* heart? Do you fully grasp the magnificence of this great spiritual truth? If you do, you will have a commitment that is similar to the apostle Paul's commitment to continually draw closer to Jesus Christ. Paul said, "...I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ

Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly]. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (the Anointed One).” (Philippians 3:8)

Paul spoke of “the priceless privilege” of knowing Jesus Christ more intimately. What could possibly be more important than to continually draw closer to Jesus Christ Who lives in your heart?

Paul said that everything else was “mere rubbish” in comparison to his deep commitment to know Christ more intimately. Shortly after the verse of Scripture that we just read Paul went on to say, “[For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly]...” (Philippians 3:10)

The first two amplifications in this verse explain that Paul was *determined* to “progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted” with Jesus Christ. When you do something progressively, you are constantly moving closer to whatever goal you are pursuing. Do not allow anything to come ahead of your continual commitment to progressively become more intimately acquainted with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of God tells you exactly what to do to develop a deep and intimate relationship with God Who lives in your heart. “...this is how we may discern [daily, by experience] that we are coming to know Him [to perceive, recognize, understand, and become better acquainted with Him]: if we keep (bear in mind, observe, practice) His teachings (precepts, commandments).” (I John 2:3)

This verse and the amplification explain that you will know God more intimately if you consistently learn and obey the specific instructions that He has given you in His Book of Instructions, the holy Bible. One of these instructions is to love God. Jesus Christ said, “...You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (intellect). This is the great (most important, principal) and first commandment.” (Matthew 22:37-38)

Nothing is more important than to love God “with all your heart and with all your mind.” Do you know exactly what the Bible instructs you to do to show God that you love Him? “...the [true] love of God is this: that we do His commands [keep His ordinances and are mindful of His

precepts and teaching]. And these orders of His are not irksome (burdensome, oppressive, or grievous).” (I John 5:3)

You show your love for God in direct proportion to the commitment that you make to learn how He instructs you to live and to obey His specific instructions. This verse and the amplification explain that God’s instructions are “not irksome, burdensome, oppressive, or grievous.” “...he who keeps (treasures) His Word [who bears in mind His precepts, who observes His message in its entirety], truly in him has the love of and for God been perfected (completed, reached maturity). By this we may perceive (know, recognize, and be sure) that we are in Him.” (I John 2:5)

The first amplification in this verse instructs you to treat God’s Word as the awesome spiritual treasure that it is. If you understand what a great treasure the Bible is, you will be highly motivated to continually learn and obey more and more of God’s instructions.

The second amplification instructs you to obey God’s Word “in its entirety.” Make the commitment to continually learn and obey the specific instructions that your Father has given to you.

If you consistently study and obey God’s instructions, your love for God will be perfected. You will be certain that you are in God and that He is in you.

Think of the most intimate relationship that you have with any person on earth. How does this relationship compare to the intimacy of your relationship with God? Do you truly love God more than you love any human being? The more that you love God, the more love you will have for members of your family and other people.

If you had a very close and intimate relationship with your human father, you would never be lonely when you are with him. If you understand that your loving heavenly Father lives in your heart and your life revolves around His indwelling presence and your desire to consistently draw closer to Him, *you will never be lonely*.

People who are lonely look to external sources for companionship. We have studied several verses of Scripture explaining that your loving Father lives in your heart if Jesus Christ is your Savior. The closer you are to Him, the less lonely you will be.

Mature Christians crave solitude. They yearn to spend quiet time alone with God. They look forward to this daily quiet time. They are *never* lonely because their lives revolve around the intimacy of their relationship with God Who lives in their hearts.

## Chapter 12

### Trust God Completely

Do you have absolute faith in the reliability of each of the scriptural statements that we have shared with you in this book? God *always* does what He says He will do. “God is faithful (reliable, trustworthy, and therefore ever true to His promise, and He can be depended on)...” (I Corinthians 1:9)

Every one of the promises that we have studied is true. Everything that the Bible says about God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit living in the heart of every Christian is accurate. “...it is impossible for God ever to prove false or deceive us...” (Hebrews 6:18)

If God says that He lives in your heart, you can be absolutely certain that the Creator of the universe does live in your heart if Jesus Christ is your Savior. “...not one thing has failed of all the good things which the Lord your God promised concerning you....” (Joshua 23:14)

This verse says that “not one” of God’s promises has failed. God always emphasizes through repetition. You have just read three verses of Scripture assuring you that the Word of God is true. “...whoever leans on, trusts in, and puts his confidence in the Lord is safe and set on high.” (Proverbs 29:25)

The word “whoever” in this verse includes *you*. Your Father wants you to lean on Him and to place all of your trust and confidence in Him. He wants you to be absolutely certain that He lives in your heart, that He is with you at all times and that He will keep you safe.

God can see a way out of every problem. Problems that seem to you to have no solution are not difficult for God to solve. Your Father wants you to be *certain* that He *will* bring you safely through every problem you face in direct proportion to your faith in Him. He loves you so much that He said, “...though the mountains should depart and the hills be shaken or removed, yet My love and kindness shall not depart from you...” (Isaiah 54:10)

Your Father loves you with an incredible love that is beyond the limitations of human logic and understanding. Center your life around His indwelling presence. Trust your loving Father to bring you safely through every problem you face. No matter how difficult any problem

in your life may be, your Father is right there with you. Refuse to be upset. God said, "...be still, and know (recognize and understand) that I am God...." (Psalm 46:10)

Your Father instructs you to "be still" in the face of adversity. He wants you to trust Him completely because you know that He is God and that He can solve every problem. "...be calm and cool and steady, accept and suffer unflinchingly every hardship..." (II Timothy 4:5)

God instructs you to "be calm and cool and steady" whenever you face adversity. Please note the words "every hardship" in this verse. These words include every problem that you will face in your life. God instructs you to be "unflinching." When people flinch, they draw back. Refuse to allow any problem you face to overwhelm you. "...whoever leans on, trusts in, and is confident in the Lord—happy, blessed, and fortunate is he." (Proverbs 16:20)

The words "whoever" in this verse include you. God promises to bless you if you trust Him completely. "...we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently and boldly say, The Lord is my Helper; I will not be seized with alarm [I will not fear or dread or be terrified]. What can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:6)

In Chapter 6 we studied Joshua 1:9, Psalm 46:1-2 and Isaiah 41:10. Each of these verses of Scripture instructs you not to be afraid because of your certainty that God is with you. Do not be "seized with alarm." Have absolute faith that the same God Who created you lives in your heart. Be like the apostle Paul who said, "...I have learned how to be content (satisfied to the point where I am not disturbed or disquieted) in whatever state I am." (Philippians 4:11)

Paul said that he had "learned" not to be disturbed regardless of the severity of any problem he faced. Follow Paul's example. Study and meditate daily on the Scripture references in this book and other promises you find in the Bible that pertain to your situation. Trust God totally, completely and absolutely to bring you safely through every problem you face.

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## **Chapter 13**

### **You Can Hear the Voice of God**

So far in this book we have studied Scripture that assures you that God lives in the heart

of every person who has received Jesus Christ as his or her Savior. In this chapter we will study Scripture that explains how you can hear God speaking to you.

If Jesus Christ is your Savior, you have been given the ability to hear God speaking to you. Jesus said, “Whoever is of God listens to God. [Those who belong to God hear the words of God.]...” (John 8:47)

You belong to God if Jesus Christ is your Savior. He is your Father. You are His beloved child. You have been given the ability to hear Him speaking to you. Do not miss out on the precious privilege of hearing God speaking to you from within your heart throughout every day of your life. Jesus said, “He who has ears to hear, let him be listening and let him consider and perceive and comprehend by hearing.” (Matthew 11:15)

Unbelievers cannot hear God’s voice. If you are saved, you are given “ears to hear” God speaking to you. You can “perceive and comprehend” exactly what God wants you to do.

God always emphasizes through repetition. We seldom see the exact same words used in two passages of Scripture. Shortly after speaking the words that we just read in Matthew 11:15, Jesus used the same words to emphasize that God wants you to listen to Him. Jesus said, “He who has ears [to hear], let him be listening and let him consider and perceive and comprehend by hearing.” (Matthew 13:9)

There is no question that your Father wants you to listen to His voice. Be like the psalmist who said, “I will listen [with expectancy] to what God the Lord will say...” (Psalm 85:8)

Please note the words “with expectancy” in the amplification of this verse. *Expect* to hear God speaking to you. His Word says that He will speak to you. Believe that your Father always does exactly what He says He will do.

God wants you to listen to Him just as He wanted the Israelites to listen to Him when He spoke these words. Are you *certain* that the same God Who created everything in the entire universe lives in your heart? Do you *expect* Him to speak to you every day of your life? Do you have the same commitment to hear God that Job did when he said, “...I have esteemed and treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.” (Job 23:12)

We know that we will starve if we go indefinitely without eating. Hearing God’s voice is more important to you in the spiritual realm than feeding your body is in the natural realm.

*Treasure* the words that God speaks to you. “...blessings shall come upon you and overtake you

if you heed the voice of the Lord your God.” (Deuteronomy 28:2)

Your Father will bless you abundantly if you learn how to hear His voice and then do what He instructs you to do. What could be more important than having the Creator of the universe speaking to you every day your life, telling you exactly what He wants you to do? God will give you instructions when you face severe adversity. “He delivers the afflicted in their affliction and opens their ears [to His voice] in adversity.” (Job 36:15)

God promises to “open your ears” to His voice when you face adversity. Know that your loving Father will deliver you and bring you through this adversity if you learn to hear what He is saying and you do what He instructs you to do.

What does God’s voice sound like? Because God is Almighty and supernaturally powerful, you might expect His voice to be very powerful. “The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.” (Psalm 29:4)

There are times when God’s voice is powerful. However, we have learned through experience that God usually speaks to us in “...a still, small voice.” (I Kings 19:12)

Even though God is mighty and powerful and His voice can be mighty and powerful, we can tell you from many years of experience that He usually speaks to His children quietly and gently. You will only hear the still, small voice of God speaking to you from deep down within yourself to the degree that you expect to hear Him speaking to you. God tells you exactly what *not* to do if you want to hear His voice. “...Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts...” (Hebrews 3:7-8)

People with hard hearts are proud. Their lives revolve around themselves. Only Christians who are humble and teachable hear God speaking to them. Jesus Christ said, “... Everyone who is of the Truth [who is a friend of the Truth, who belongs to the Truth] hears and listens to My voice.” (John 18:37)

How can you hear the voice of Jesus Christ? You will hear His voice if you are “of the Truth, a friend of the Truth and belong to the Truth.” What is Jesus referring to when He speaks of Truth? On another occasion He said, “...Your Word is Truth.” (John 17:17)

The Word of God is Truth. You will hear God’s voice to the degree that your mind and your heart are filled with the Word of God as a result of consistent Bible study and Scripture meditation. Your Father instructs you to renew your mind by studying His Word each day (see II Corinthians 4:16 and Ephesians 4:22-23). He instructs to meditate day and night on His Word

(see Psalm 1:1-3 and Joshua 1:8). On another occasion Jesus said, "...If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples. And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)

The more that you know the Truth of God's Word, the more you will be set free from adversity because you will be tuned in to hear God speaking to you. God's voice can be compared to a supernatural radio station. You tune in to a radio station by selecting a specific frequency on a radio dial. You tune in to hear your Father speaking to you to the degree that you pay the price of filling your mind with His Word each day as a result of daily Bible study and to the degree that you fill your heart with His Word as a result of meditating day and night on the holy Scriptures.

Sometimes Jesus arose early in the morning to speak with His Father (see Mark 1:35). Sometimes Jesus went away from the crowds to a quiet place to listen to His Father (see Luke 5:16). Spend precious quiet time alone with God each day. The following words that King Solomon spoke to his son are your Father's words to you today. "Blessed [happy, prosperous, to be admired] is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at my doorposts." (Proverbs 8:34)

Your Father promises to bless you if you listen to Him "daily." He wants your precious quiet time with Him each day to be the foundation of your life. Spend precious time with God each day when you study and meditate on His Word. Pray to Him and worship Him. If you can learn how to hear His voice during your daily quiet time with Him, you then will be able to hear Him speaking to you throughout every day.

Do not wonder if God really does speak to you. *Know* that He speaks to you. Live each day with simple childlike faith that your Father does live in your heart and that He speaks to you continually.

In this chapter we have studied Scripture that assures you that God does speak to His children. In the next two chapters we will study several Scripture references that explain how God will guide you and teach you throughout every day of your life.

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## **Chapter 14**

### **God Will Teach You**

If Jesus Christ is your Savior, you are God's child. God is your loving Father. He knows many things that you need to know. He wants to teach you continually.

Jesus Christ is our example in every area. Throughout His earthly ministry Jesus depended on being taught by His Father. Jesus said, "I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord—but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders]. Even as I hear, I judge [I decide as I am bidden to decide. As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision], and My judgment is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek or consult My own will [I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose] but only the will and pleasure of the Father Who sent Me." (John 5:30)

Jesus spoke these words from His humanity as the Son of man. He set down His heavenly power by His own choice when He came from heaven to earth. He said to His Father, "I am able to do nothing from Myself." Jesus knew that He needed to be taught by His Father. He did not want to do what was pleasing to Him. He wanted to carry out the will of God in every area of His life on earth.

God will teach you just as He taught Jesus when He was on earth. Jesus was able to do what His Father instructed Him to do because He could hear His Father speaking to Him. If you are able to hear God's voice, your loving Father will teach you just as He taught Jesus.

Jesus explained that no one can receive Him as his or her Savior unless God Himself draws that person to Him. Jesus said, "No one is able to come to Me unless the Father Who sent Me attracts and draws him and gives him the desire to come to Me..." (John 6:44)

In the next verse Jesus went on to explain that people who are children of God will be taught by God. Jesus said, "...they shall all be taught of God [have Him in person for their Teacher]. Everyone who has listened to and learned from the Father comes to Me." (John 6:45)

God wants to teach every one of His children. Learn continually from your Father Who lives in your heart. Be like the prophet Isaiah who was certain that God would teach him. Isaiah said, "...He wakens Me morning by morning, He wakens My ear to hear as a disciple [as one who is taught]." (Isaiah 50:4)

God is there for you from the time you wake up in the morning throughout every day of

your life. He wants you to constantly be tuned in to His voice so that you can learn from Him.

Only humble Christians can be taught by God. Proud and self-centered people are not teachable because their lives revolve around themselves. If you are in absolute awe because you are certain that your Father lives in your heart and you know that He wants to teach you, you will humble yourself before Him continually. You will yearn to receive supernatural teaching from Him. The psalmist David said, “Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and faithfulness and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You [You only and altogether] do I wait [expectantly] all the day long.” (Psalm 25:4-5)

David constantly turned to God asking Him to teach him and to guide him. He waited expectantly to be taught by God. Follow David’s example in your life.

Your Father wants you to be humble and teachable. He wants you to know how much you need to be taught by Him. “...knowledge is easy to him who [being teachable] understands.” (Proverbs 14:6)

Your Father will always give you whatever specific knowledge you need when you are teachable. Are you in awe that God lives in your heart? Are you in awe that God wants to teach *you*? Do not reject the tremendous opportunity you have been given to be taught by God Himself. Come to God humbly each day with a yearning to learn from Him continually.

Your Father is very pleased with His children who are humble and teachable (see Luke 14:11, Philippians 2:3-5 and James 4:6). Many of God’s children are unaware of the Scripture references that we are studying in this chapter. They do not know that God wants to teach them continually.

A very special secret pertaining to God’s principles is to always honor others above yourself (see Luke 14:11). Do your best to honor everyone, rich or poor, educated or uneducated, and those who are similar to you and those who are not (see Philippians 2:3-4).

Another of God’s secrets is that, the less you promote yourself, the more He will promote you. As you yield to God, the Holy Spirit will flow freely in your life. You will become someone you never imagined you could be (see James 4:6).

God will teach you if you faithfully obey His instructions to renew your mind by studying His Word *each day* (see II Corinthians 4:16 and Ephesians 4:22-23) and to meditate *day and night* on the holy Scriptures (see Joshua 1:8 and Psalm 1:2-3). The psalmist said, “My lips shall pour forth praise [with thanksgiving and renewed trust] when You teach me Your

statutes.” (Psalm 119:171)

The psalmist praised God and thanked Him for teaching him from His Word. Your Father wants you to have this same attitude of gratitude. The Bible is His supernatural Book of Instructions. He will teach you from His Book of Instructions. God said, “I [the Lord] will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.” (Psalm 32:8)

Please note the words “I will counsel you with My eye upon you” in this verse. God is watching you every day. How very special you are! The prophet Isaiah said, “...your Teacher will not hide Himself any more, but your eyes will constantly behold your Teacher. And your ears will hear a word behind you, saying, This is the way; walk in it, when you turn to the right hand and when you turn to the left.” (Isaiah 30:20-21)

Your Teacher lives in your heart. He will tell you when to turn to the right and when to turn to the left. He will teach you every minute detail that you need to know.

When this verse speaks of hearing a voice behind you, the word “behind” refers to the Old Testament primarily emphasizing that God is with you at all times while the New Testament emphasizes that God is in you. If Jesus Christ is your Savior, your Teacher lives in your heart.

Jesus Christ taught His disciples throughout His earthly ministry. When He told His disciples that He would be ascending to heaven, He assured them that God would send the Holy Spirit to teach them continually just as He had taught them. Jesus said, “...the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things...” (John 14:26)

In Chapter 2 we studied Scripture about God living in your heart. In Chapter 3 we studied Scripture about Jesus Christ living in your heart. In Chapter 4 we studied Scripture about the Holy Spirit living in your heart.

If Jesus Christ is your Savior, the Holy Spirit is your Teacher. He yearns to teach you continually. Please note the words “He will teach you all things” in this verse. There is no limit to what the Holy Spirit will teach you except any limit that you set by not expecting Him to teach you whatever you need to know.

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## **Chapter 15**

### **God Will Guide You Continually**

In the last chapter we studied several Scripture references pertaining to being taught by God. In this chapter we will study Scripture explaining that, in addition to teaching you, God will guide you throughout your life if you can hear His voice. "...God is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide [even] until death." (Psalm 48:14)

Your Father promises to guide you throughout your life up until the time you die. You have a supernatural lifetime guide living in your heart. He will tell you exactly what He wants you to do. He will explain how to do what He wants you to do. "...the Lord shall guide you continually..." (Isaiah 58:11)

God promises to guide you continually. Not one hour of your life goes by where God is not right there with you waiting to guide you. Your Father will guide you if you trust Him instead of trusting yourself. "...cease from your own [human] wisdom." (Proverbs 23:4)

Your Father wants you to turn away from the limitations of your human understanding. "Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Many people are concerned when they face severe adversity because they think that they have to solve difficult problems with their limited human abilities. God's Word says, "Do *not* rely on your own insight or understanding." Place all of your trust and confidence in God to guide you and to direct you continually. "...the Lord will grant you full insight and understanding in everything." (II Timothy 2:7)

Please note the word "everything" in this verse. Your Father promises to give you "full insight and understanding" at all times. "If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him." (James 1:5)

Are you "deficient in wisdom"? Ask God to give you His wisdom. He promises to give supernatural wisdom to you "liberally." "Happy (blessed, fortunate, enviable) is the man who finds skillful and godly Wisdom, and the man who gets understanding [drawing it forth from God's Word and life's experiences], for the gaining of it is better than the gaining of silver, and

the profit of it better than fine gold.” (Proverbs 3:13-14)

You will be happy and blessed if you learn how to receive wisdom from God. Your loving Father will give you full understanding if you obey His instructions to renew your mind by studying His Word each day (see Colossians 4:16 and Ephesians 4:22-23) and if you obey His instructions to meditate day and night on the holy Scriptures (see Joshua 1:8 and Psalm 1:1-3).

Receiving wisdom, guidance and understanding from God is more profitable to you than any amount of money in the world. The following words that King Solomon spoke to his son are God’s words to you today. “Get skillful and godly Wisdom, get understanding (discernment, comprehension, and interpretation); do not forget and do not turn back from the words of my mouth. Forsake not [Wisdom], and she will keep, defend, and protect you; love her, and she will guard you.” (Proverbs 4:5-6)

Your Father wants you to be fully aware of His repeated assurances that He *will* give you wisdom and understanding and that He *will* guide you. God said, “...I will bring the blind by a way that they know not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known. I will make darkness into light before them and make uneven places into a plain. These things I have determined to do [for them]; and I will not leave them forsaken.” (Isaiah 42:16)

When you cannot see any way out of a difficult problem, God can see the way out. He will show you ways that you “know not.” He will tell you everything that you need to know. He will never forsake you. “A man’s mind plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps and makes them sure.” (Proverbs 16:9)

Human beings plan what they want to do. Do not limit yourself to human planning. God promises to “direct your steps and make them sure.” “The steps of a [good] man are directed and established by the Lord when He delights in his way [and He busies Himself with his every step].” (Psalm 37:23)

When this verse and the amplification refer to “a good man,” these words refer to any man or woman who is righteous before God as a result of receiving Jesus Christ as his or her Savior. You are a child of God if Jesus Christ is your Savior. Your loving Father will direct you if you turn to Him with absolute trust. He “delights” in helping you every step of the way throughout your life.

Not only will your Father guide you in whatever you do, but He also will guide you in the words that you speak. We see an excellent example of God speaking through human beings in

the life of Moses. Moses was a great man of God, but he knew that he was not eloquent. "... Moses said to the Lord, O Lord, I am not eloquent or a man of words, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and have a heavy and awkward tongue." (Exodus 4:10)

God encouraged Moses. He told Moses that he would not have to depend on his human ability to speak words. God said, "...go, and I will be with your mouth and will teach you what you shall say." (Exodus 4:12)

You have learned that God is with you at all times. Open your mouth with absolute faith that God will speak through you. Jesus Christ said, "...do not be anxious about how or what you are to speak; for what you are to say will be given you in that very hour and moment, for it is not you who are speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you." (Matthew 10:19-20)

These words that Jesus spoke to His disciples many years ago are His words to you today. When you face a difficult problem and you do not know what to say, do not worry. The Holy Spirit Who lives in your heart will speak through you in direct proportion to your faith in Him. Jesus said, "...when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future]." (John 16:13)

Once again these words that Jesus spoke to His disciples also are His words to you today. If Jesus Christ is your Savior, the Holy Spirit lives in your heart. He will guide you continually. The Holy Spirit hears directly from God. He will tell you what God says to Him. He also will give you knowledge of what will happen in the future.

This chapter is filled with Scripture references pertaining to receiving wisdom and guidance from God. Your Father lives in your heart. He will never forsake you. He will guide you throughout your life if your life revolves around His indwelling presence and if you trust Him to teach you, help you and guide you throughout your life.

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## Conclusion

This book is filled with God's instructions pertaining to His indwelling presence. God lives in your heart. Jesus Christ lives in your heart. The Holy Spirit lives in your heart. If Jesus Christ is your Savior, you have inside of you everything that you will ever need.

Please pray about sharing a copy of this book with your friends and loved ones. This book is filled with Scripture references pertaining to God's indwelling presence. Be sure that your friends and loved ones know that God comes to live in the heart of every Christian. Help these people to learn what you have learned in regard to the power that your Father has promised to every person who consistently centers his or her life around His indwelling presence.

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Blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:1-3)

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## **Appendix**

### **Trust Jesus Christ as Your Savior**

This book is filled with instructions and promises from God. However, if you have not received Jesus Christ as your Savior, you cannot understand the scriptural truths that are contained in this book. “...the mind of the flesh [with its carnal thoughts and purposes] is hostile to God, for it does not submit itself to God’s Law; indeed it cannot.” (Romans 8:7)

Please notice the word “cannot” in this verse of Scripture. If Jesus Christ is not your Savior, you cannot possibly understand and obey God’s instructions.

Many people who have not received Christ as their Savior are not open to the specific instructions that God has given to us in the Bible. “...the natural, nonspiritual man does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because

they are spiritually discerned and estimated and appreciated.” (I Corinthians 2:14)

The words “does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God” in this verse are very important. Some people are opposed to the Bible and what it teaches. They look at Scripture references as “meaningless nonsense.” These people are “incapable of” learning great scriptural truths from God until and unless they receive Jesus Christ as their Savior.

At the close of this Appendix we will explain exactly what God instructs you to do to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior. If and when you make this decision, the glorious supernatural truths of the Bible will open up to you. Jesus said, “...To you it has been given to know the secrets and mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.” (Matthew 13:11)

Jesus was speaking to *you* when He said that you can “know the secrets and mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.” Do not miss out on the glorious privilege that is available to every believer to know and understand the ways of God.

A spiritual veil blocks all unbelievers from understanding the ways of God. “...even if our Gospel (the glad tidings) also be hidden (obscured and covered up with a veil that hinders the knowledge of God), it is hidden [only] to those who are perishing and obscured [only] to those who are spiritually dying and veiled [only] to those who are lost.” (II Corinthians 4:3)

This spiritual veil is pulled aside when you receive Jesus Christ as your Savior. “... whenever a person turns [in repentance] to the Lord, the veil is stripped off and taken away.” (II Corinthians 3:16)

If you obey the scriptural instructions at the end of this Appendix, Jesus Christ will become your Savior. Everything in your life will become fresh and new. “...if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!” (II Corinthians 5:17)

Instead of being opposed to the teachings of the holy Bible, you will be completely open to these teachings. You will have a hunger and thirst to continually learn more supernatural truths from the Word of God. “...I endorse and delight in the Law of God in my inmost self [with my new nature].” (Romans 7:22)

Every person who has not received Jesus Christ as his or her Savior is a sinner who is

doomed to live throughout eternity in the horror of hell. God has made it possible for *you* to escape this terrible eternal penalty. "...God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life." (John 3:16)

God knew that everyone who lived on earth after Adam and Eve would be a sinner because of the sins of Adam and Eve (see Romans 3:10-12). He sent His only Son from heaven to earth to take upon Himself the sins of the world when He died a horrible death by crucifixion. If you believe that Jesus Christ paid the full price for your sins and if you trust Him completely for your eternal salvation, you will live with Him throughout eternity in the glory of heaven.

There is only *one* way for you to live eternally in heaven after you die – that is to receive eternal salvation through Jesus Christ. "Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me." (John 14:6)

If you trust in anyone or anything except Jesus Christ for your eternal salvation, you will not live eternally in heaven. If you are reading these truths about living eternally in heaven because of the price that Jesus Christ has paid for you, you can be certain that the same God Who created you actually is drawing you to come to Jesus Christ for eternal salvation. Jesus said, "No one is able to come to Me unless the Father Who sent Me attracts and draws him and gives him the desire to come to Me..." (John 6:44)

Are you interested in these spiritual truths about where you will live throughout eternity? If you are, you can be certain that the same awesome God Who created you is drawing *you* to Jesus Christ at this very moment.

Heaven is a glorious place. Everyone in heaven is completely healthy and very happy. "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more, neither shall there be anguish (sorrow and mourning) nor grief nor pain any more, for the old conditions and the former order of things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4)

All of the problems of earth will disappear when you are in heaven. No one in heaven dies. No one in heaven is sad. No one in heaven cries. No one in heaven suffers from pain.

You *will* live throughout eternity in one place or another. If you do not receive Jesus Christ as your Savior, you will live eternally in hell. People in hell will experience continual torment throughout eternity. "...the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they

have no respite (no pause, no intermission, no rest, no peace) day or night...” (Revelation 14:11)

Everyone in heaven is filled with joy. Everyone in hell is miserable. Jesus described what hell would be like when He said, “...there will be weeping and wailing and grinding of teeth. (Matthew 13:42)

The inhabitants of hell will weep and wail throughout eternity. They will grind their teeth in anguish. Can you imagine living this way for the endless trillions of years of eternity? This is exactly what will happen if you *reject* the supreme sacrifice that Jesus Christ made to pay the full price for your sins.

*How* do you receive eternal salvation through Jesus Christ? “...if you acknowledge and confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) and confirms [his] salvation.” (Romans 10:9-10)

Repent of your sins. You must *believe in your heart* (not just think in your mind) that Jesus Christ paid the full price for all of your sins when He was crucified. You must believe that God actually raised Jesus from the dead. You must open your mouth and *speak* this truth that you believe in your heart. If you believe in your heart that Jesus Christ died and rose again from the dead and that the price for your sins has been paid for and you tell others that you believe this great spiritual truth, you have been saved. You *will* live eternally in heaven.

If Jesus Christ was not your Savior when you began to read this book, we pray that He is your Savior now. If He is your Savior, your life will change immensely. You will never be the same again. Every aspect of your life will be gloriously new.

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## **Study Guide**

### **What Did You Learn From This Book?**

The questions in this Study Guide are carefully arranged to show you how much you have learned about God living in your heart. This Study Guide is not intended to be an academic test. The sole purpose of the following questions is to help you increase your practical knowledge pertaining to God living in your heart, Jesus Christ living in your heart, and the Holy Spirit living in your heart.

1. How can you be certain that God Who sits on His throne in heaven also lives in your heart if Jesus Christ is your Savior? (Ephesians 4:6, Jeremiah 23:24 and I John 4:15)
2. If Jesus Christ is your Savior, how can you be certain that the same God Who created everything in the universe is your Father and that you are His beloved child? (Galatians 3:26, Romans 8:16, Galatians 4:6, John 1:12-13, Ephesians 2:19, II Corinthians 6:18 and I John 3:1)
3. Many people think that God is far away from them. They do not know that He lives in the heart of every person who has received Jesus Christ as his or her Savior. How can you be certain that God is not far away and that He lives in your heart? (Jeremiah 23:23 and Acts 17:27-28)
4. What does the Bible say about the supernatural power of God Who lives in your heart if Jesus Christ is your Savior? (John 14:10, Zephaniah 3:17, Jeremiah 32:17, Job 9:9-10, I Chronicles 29:12, Ephesians 1:19-20, Psalm 147:4-5 and Matthew 19:26)
5. The Scripture references that we have just studied explain the supernatural power of God Who lives in your heart. There is no question that God is omnipresent and that He lives in the heart of every one of His children. What does the Bible say about God also being omniscient and knowing every minute detail pertaining to your life? (Psalm 139:1-4)
6. How can you be certain that the supernatural power of God in your heart also will protect

- you in your life? (Philippians 2:13, Deuteronomy 33:12 and Hebrews 6:12)
7. How can you be certain that Jesus Christ Who sits on His throne in heaven also lives in your heart if He is your Savior? (I John 3:24, Ephesians 3:17 and Matthew 28:20)
  8. What does the Bible teach about Jesus Christ giving His supernatural peace to you if He is your Savior? (John 14:27)
  9. What did Jesus Christ say about the supernatural victory that He won over everything in the world and why anything in the world cannot harm you if you know this promise and have faith in it? (John 16:33)
  10. How can you increase your certainty that Jesus Christ really does live in your heart? (II Corinthians 13:5)
  11. What did the apostle Paul say about his absolute faith that Jesus Christ lived in his heart and trusting completely in Him? (Philippians 1:21 and Galatians 2:20)
  12. Why should you love Jesus Christ Who lives in your heart more than you love any human being on earth? (Matthew 10:37)
  13. What did Jesus Christ say to His disciples at the Last Supper about what their lives would be like after He died, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven? (John 14:16-17)
  14. Christians who have received Jesus Christ as their Savior receive the Holy Spirit. Do we do anything to receive this gift from God? (I Corinthians 6:19)
  15. How can you be certain that the Holy Spirit is omnipresent? (I Corinthians 3:16)
  16. What does the Bible say that God put the Holy Spirit in you to do? (Ezekiel 36:27)
  17. How can you be certain that God desires all Christians to surrender control of their lives to the Holy Spirit? (Romans 8:4 and 9, Matthew 10:39 and Galatians 5:16)
  18. What does the Bible say about the relationship between not being afraid and the Holy Spirit living in your heart? (Haggai 2:5)
  19. Why is Jesus Christ able to know exactly what you are experiencing when you face severe adversity? Will He help you? (Hebrews 2:8)
  20. Where did the psalmist say that he received help? (Psalm 121:2)
  21. What do the words “the Godhead” mean? (Colossians 2:10)
  22. Where did Jesus Christ say that the kingdom of God is located? (Luke 17:21)
  23. What specifically did God say that He will do in your life when you are in trouble? (Psalm 91:15)

24. God uses the word “through” three times in one verse of Scripture. What does this word mean to you when you are in trouble? (Isaiah 43:2)
25. What provision has God made to sustain you when you are in bodily pain or trouble? (Proverbs 18:14)
26. What specifically did God promise to do for you when you are in trouble? (Psalm 50:15 and 46:1-2)
27. What does God say in regard to you facing a seemingly impossible problem? (Luke 1:37)
28. What command did God give to Joshua when he succeeded Moses as the leader of Israel? Do these same words apply to you today? (Joshua 1:9)
29. Why specifically does God instruct you never to be afraid? (Isaiah 41:10)
30. When your human abilities are too weak and inadequate to solve a difficult problem, what does God promise that He will do? (Psalm 29:11 and Ephesians 6:10)
31. The apostle Paul actually said that he was pleased when he faced severe problems. Why was Paul pleased? How does this statement apply to your life? (II Corinthians 12:10)
32. How do the words that Moses spoke to the Israelites when they faced a mighty Egyptian army apply to your life today? (Deuteronomy 31:6)
33. How can you be certain that God will watch over you and guide you at all times? (Genesis 28:15 and Psalm 73:23-24)
34. What does the Bible instruct you to do if you face a difficult battle that you cannot win with your limited human abilities? (Deuteronomy 20:4 and II Chronicles 32:8)
35. What does the Bible instruct you to do to receive mercy for your failures and to receive God’s grace to help you with every need? (Hebrews 4:16)
36. What did God instruct King Jehoshaphat to do when he and the Israelites faced a vastly superior army? How do these words from God apply to you today? (II Chronicles 20:15)
37. What did Moses say to the Israelites when they were pursued by a large Egyptian army and they faced high and impassable mountains to the right and left and the Red Sea before them? (Exodus 14:14)
38. What did God do when the Egyptian army approached the Red Sea trying to pursue Moses and the Israelites? (Exodus 14:21-22 and 14:26-28)
39. What does the Word of God say about the supernatural rest that God will give you if you place all of your trust and confidence in Him? (Exodus 33:14, Isaiah 14:3 and Hebrews

4:10)

40. When you face severe problems, what does the Bible instruct you to do instead of depending on your human abilities and external sources of security? (Philippians 3:3, James 1:27 and I John 2:16)
41. What did Jesus Christ say about the Pharisees that apply to many people today in regard to being religious but thinking that God is far away? (Matthew 15:8)
42. What did the apostle Paul say to the Colossians about the place that Jesus Christ should occupy in their lives? (Colossians 1:18)
43. What did the psalmist say about his priorities in life? How do these words apply to you today? (Psalm 73:25)
44. What did Jesus teach about the priorities that two sisters named Martha and Mary had? How does this instruction apply to your life today? (Luke 10:38-42)
45. What two words does the Bible use in reference to where your priorities should be? (I Chronicles 22:19)
46. What does the Bible instruct you to do in relation to your focus on the Lord? (Nehemiah 4:14)
47. What does the Bible instruct you to do when you have a deeply rooted relationship with God? (Colossians 2:7, Zephaniah 2:3 and I John 2:27)
48. How often does the Bible say that Jesus Christ will lead you in triumph if you place all of your trust and confidence in Him? (II Corinthians 2:14)
49. How did the psalmist David look at God when he faced difficult problems? (Psalms 16:8-9 and 62:5-6)
50. Instead of being distracted by any problems you face, what does the Bible instruct you to do? (Proverbs 4:25-27 and Psalm 63:8)
51. What does God instruct you to do if you truly desire for Him to guard you and to keep you in perfect and constant peace? (Isaiah 26:3)
52. All Christians have been given the opportunity for a close relationship with God Who no longer will be far away from them. How can you have a close and intimate relationship with God? (Ephesians 2:13 and I John 5:20)
53. Why do some religious people think that God is far away and never draw close to Him? (Job 36:26)

54. What does the Bible say about the supernatural power of God Who lives in the heart of every Christian? (Ephesians 3:20)
55. What does the Bible refer to when it speaks of the “hidden person of the heart?” (I Peter 3:4)
56. What did the psalmist say that his inner self thirsted for? (Psalm 42:2)
57. What does the Bible instruct you to do if you want to have a close and intimate relationship with God? (James 4:8)
58. What kind of person does God lead, guide and teach? (Psalm 25:9)
59. Even though you have not seen God with your human eyesight, what does the Bible instruct you to do to love Him? (I Peter 1:8, Hebrews 12:14 and Romans 6:11)
60. What does the Bible say is required to have sweet and satisfying companionship with God? (Psalm 25:14)
61. What does the Bible teach about the reason for your creation? What does God promise to do if you have the relationship with God that the following verse of Scripture explains? (Ecclesiastes 12:13)
62. What did the apostle Paul say about his commitment to continually draw closer to Jesus Christ? (Philippians 3:8 and 10)
63. What specifically does the Bible instruct you to do to draw closer to God? (I John 2:3)
64. What specifically does the first commandment of the Ten Commandments instruct you to do? (Matthew 22:37-38)
65. What does the Bible instruct you to do to show true love for God? (I John 5:3)
66. What are you instructed to do so that the love of and for God will be perfected in your life? (I John 2:5)
67. How can you be certain that God always will do what His Word says that He will do? (I Corinthians 1:9, Hebrews 6:18 and Joshua 23:14)
68. What exactly does the Bible instruct you to do to be “safe and set on high?” (Proverbs 29:25)
69. How can you be certain that God’s love and kindness will never depart from you? (Isaiah 54:10)
70. Instead of being agitated when you face adversity, what does the Bible instruct you to do? (Psalm 46:10, II Timothy 4:5, Proverbs 16:20, Hebrews 13:6 and Philippians 4:11)

71. What did Jesus Christ say about every person who has received Him as his or her Savior being able to hear the voice of God? (John 8:47, Matthew 11:15 and 13:9)
72. What does the Bible say about expecting to hear God speaking to you? (Psalm 85:8)
73. What did Job say about the vital importance of hearing God's voice? (Job 23:12)
74. What does God promise to do if you hear His voice and do what He instructs you to do? (Deuteronomy 28:2)
75. What specifically did God say about what He would do in regard to speaking to you when you face adversity? (Job 36:15)
76. The voice of God is supernaturally powerful, but how does He often speak to us? (Psalm 29:4 and I Kings 19:12)
77. What does the Bible say about the relationship between people who have a hard heart and being able to hear His voice? (Hebrews 3:7-8)
78. What did Jesus Christ mean when He spoke of people who are "of the truth?" What is the relationship between being of the truth and being able to hear the voice of Jesus Christ? (John 18:37 and 17:17 )
79. What did Jesus Christ say is necessary to be "truly His disciple?" What did He say would happen to people who know the Truth and obey His teaching? (John 8:31-32)
80. What does God promise to do in your life if you listen to Him every day? (Proverbs 8:34)
81. What did Jesus Christ say about His necessity of being taught by God during His earthly ministry? How does this statement relate to you and hearing God's voice? (John 5:30)
82. What did Jesus Christ say was absolutely necessary for any person to surrender their life to Him? What did God promise in the verse after this remark by Jesus? (John 6:44-45)
83. What does the Bible say that God will do if you spend quality time with Him each morning? (Isaiah 50:4)
84. What did the psalmist David request of God to guide him in his life? How does this statement apply to your life today? (Psalm 25:4-5)
85. What does the Bible say about being humble and teachable in relationship to being taught by God? (Proverbs 14:6)
86. What did the psalmist do whenever God taught him from His Word? (Psalm 119:171)
87. What did God say about watching you and teaching you? (Psalm 32:8)
88. What did the prophet Isaiah say about what God would do in regard to teaching you and

- guiding you? (Isaiah 30:20-21)
89. If Jesus Christ is your Savior, the Holy Spirit lives in your heart. What specifically did Jesus say about what the Holy Spirit will teach you? (John 14:26)
  90. How long does the Bible say that God will provide guidance for you? (Psalm 48:14 and Isaiah 58:11)
  91. What does the Word of God instruct you to do in regard to your human wisdom? (Proverbs 23:4)
  92. What does God instruct you to do instead of relying on your own insight or understanding? (Proverbs 3:5-6 and II Timothy 2:7)
  93. What does God promise to do when your human wisdom is insufficient to solve any problem? (James 1:5)
  94. How does the Word of God compare receiving godly wisdom with receiving silver or gold? (Proverbs 3:14-15)
  95. When you cannot see your way out of a difficult problem, God always can see the way out. What did God say that He will do when you cannot see your way out of a difficult problem? (Proverbs 4:5-6 and Isaiah 42:16)
  96. What does the Bible say is required for the Lord to “direct your steps?” (Proverbs 16:9 and Psalm 37:23)
  97. What does God promise to do if you do not know the words that you should speak in any given situation? (Exodus 4:10 and 4:12)
  98. Instead of being anxious and worried about what words you should speak, what did Jesus say that you should do? (Matthew 10:19-20)
  99. What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit will do in your life when you do not know what to do? (John 16:13)

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