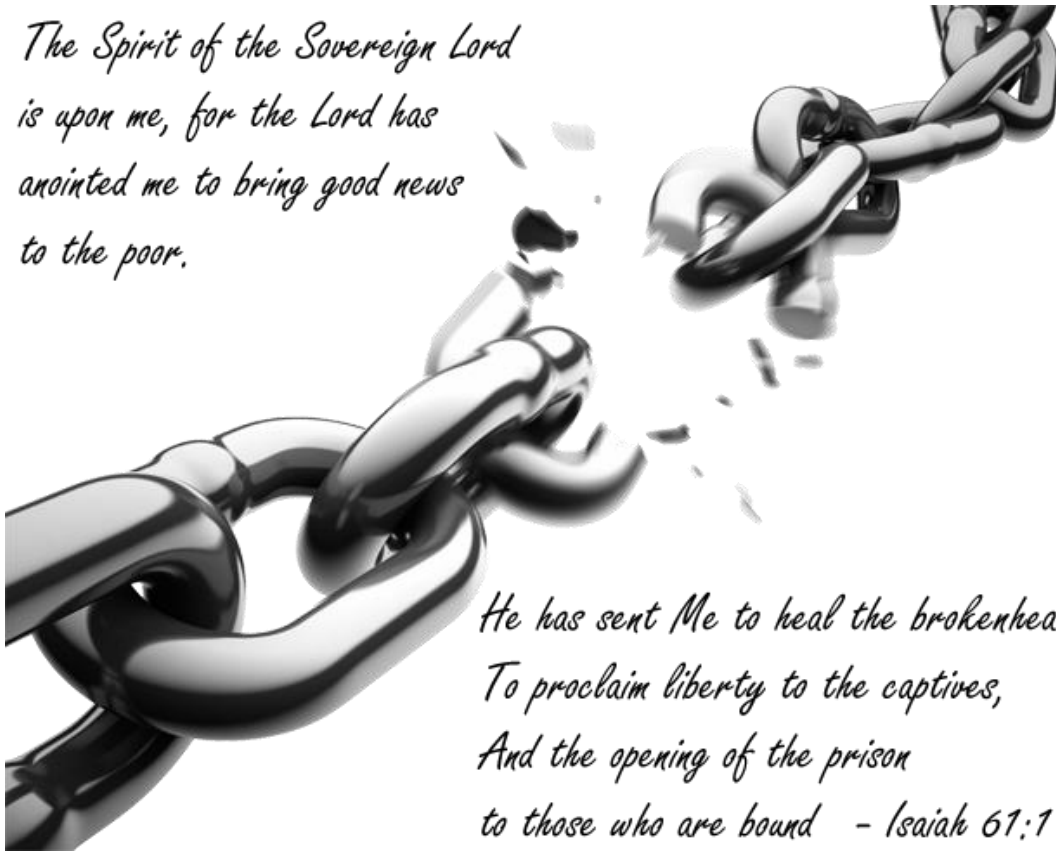


‘Things That Hinder Our Relationship With God’

Inner Healing and Deliverance Prayers

*The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord
is upon me, for the Lord has
anointed me to bring good news
to the poor.*



*He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison
to those who are bound - Isaiah 61:1*



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*******Most of the prayers in this PDF are unique and not a replica of other people's ideas ~ they are created through revelation of the Holy Spirit and our view of what He has shown us as He works with us. There may be the odd prayer or idea that has been added to our Ministry from others because it impacted us, but more often than not you will be viewing an original.***

All prayers are subject to change as God gives new insight and revelation. All prayers are to be prayed out loud. Often you will see we ask you to do a prophetic act. A prophetic act is an action of obedience as a step of faith in the natural (physical) realm that supports God's workings in the spiritual realm, to release the power, presence and victory of God into a situation.

Prayer of Protection: “Father God in the name of Jesus Christ and by the Power of Your Holy Spirit I pray that You would guide me through this journey of deliverance and healing. I thank You for the presence of the Holy Spirit.

I ask for Your protection, and that I am covered with the Blood of Jesus Christ. I also pray this protection over my loved ones, our pets, our belongings and our surroundings.

With the authority given to me by the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I bind you Satan, all demons and any other agents of Satan, my own human flesh which is antichrist, from any harm or attacks targeting me, my family, our homes and properties, our pets and belongings, our health and our finances, our businesses and our ministries.

I also bind you from any interference, distraction, transference, or blocking or counterfeiting the Holy Spirit, in Jesus name. I bind up and forbid any counterfeit gifts, un-godly manifestations, and lying signs and wonders, in Jesus name.

Father God, I thank You for Your heavenly angels and pray that they would be released in accordance with Your word.”

Please Note - Many of our prayers as an added precaution will include the term ‘ancestors’ to cover any sins that they may have participated in that you are unaware of.

God’s Love - I had fear in my life that was impossible to overcome. I kept asking God for more of His love because 'Perfect Love casts out fear'. I couldn't receive this love, although I kept asking for it. I kept asking God why I could not receive His love. He revealed to me that there were blockages in my life that were preventing His fullness being poured out over me. He told me that He was going to remove all the blockages so I could carry His love and pass it on to others. The blockage is always on our end – never Gods. Many might say that God’s timing can be a blockage for us from receiving from God, so then this is from His end. God once told me that His timing is when **we are ready to receive** what He has pre-destined for us – so in this sense the blockage is still on our end.

If you are asking for God’s love and not receiving it ask God to show you the blockage. Receiving Gods love is the key to conquering everything and is the thing we should most desire. God showed me that His love is the greatest gift He can give us. There are many blockages that prevent us receiving blessings and the love of God. He showed me that wounds in my soul and the things from my past were preventing Him from imparting His fullest love and blessings to me. God was asking me to allow Him to pinpoint, remove, cleanse and heal these wounds. Each wound that God dealt with received another impartation of His love. These areas of blockages are vast and outlined throughout all the books so you too can see the blockages that prevent you from receiving Gods perfect love, wholeness and blessings.

What does Gods love do? ***Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove***

mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13:1-3, NKJV).

We see that love is the greatest Gift. We know that it casts out fear. **There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love (1 John 4:18, NKJV).**

The Bible tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:35-39, NKJV).**

The word separate in this scripture in Greek is **Chorizo** and means depart, put asunder. 1) to separate, divide, part, put asunder, to separate one's self from, to depart 1a) to leave a husband or wife 1a) of divorce 1b) to depart, go away. Once we are His He will let nothing divide us from Him. We are His no matter what. Nothing we do on our end can stop Him loving us. Nothing can separate us from the love of God, He is pouring out His love on us, through us, over us and in us every day and nothing can stop Him from doing this. The problem is however blockages on our end can stop us receiving it.

You are commanded to love. **“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets” (Matthew 22:36-40, NKJV).** We see that love fulfils all the commands given by God. We need Gods love to be in us because our own love cannot do what Gods perfect love can. God revealed to me that one of the biggest things that hinder His blessings in our life is when we believe He doesn't love us, or that He loves others and favours them more than us. The reason for this is because the biggest reason

God has to bless us is simply because He loves us. When we believe He doesn't love us it actually hinders us receiving His love because it is unbelief. I repented for believing that God didn't love me enough when the truth is He loves me and You with everything He has. He revealed to me also that I had a false love at times for Him. He had to take me through a series of trials in order to see what was truly in my heart. He revealed that I was only actively showing love when I was happy with Him - when He was doing what I wanted I was pleased and showed Him love. When things didn't go according to plan I was grumpy and displeased with God also. According to **Numbers 21:7** complaining against God and blaming Him is actively sinning. I had to repent of this then lay all false love at the foot of the cross and ask for His love to be imparted. What He showed me was that you can only love Him, others and yourself through His love. His love flowing through you is the key. Many times we can have a critical spirit which forfeits the 'loving others as you love yourself' commandment or we do not love ourselves as much as we love others which again enables Satan access to your flesh, as it is breaking these two most important commandments spoken by Jesus. How can we love others when we don't love ourselves? Seeking more of His love is the first and foremost thing I think Christians should pray for.

(Prayer) - "Dear God I repent for all the times I believed You didn't love me or love me enough and that You didn't love me as much as You loved others. I declare that You love me with everything You have and that You love all Your children with the same amount of love - there are no favourites. I am sorry for the complaints I spoke and the blame that I carried toward You. I repent for measuring Your love for me on how much I was receiving from You and that I carried false love for You in that I was only actively showing You my love when I was pleased with You. Help me to love You with all of my heart, all of my soul and all of my mind. I confess the sin that I have not loved others as I love myself and also the sin of not loving myself as I love others. Father God please reveal to me from this day on all other areas within my life that prevent me from receiving Your perfect love and blessings. I lay all false love at the foot of the cross and pray for an impartation of Your love so I can love You, love others and love myself with Your true love because it is only through Your love for me that I can love others."

Unyielded Areas

What are unyielded areas? The Dictionary definition says when things are unyielding, they won't stop, won't give, or won't bend. That includes stubborn, unyielding personalities.

The Word of God tells us to surrender all. Unyielded areas are the areas that we haven't surrendered to God. If we have unyielded areas to Jesus Christ this means we have not given Him access to these areas. We can have many unyielded areas. We may not even be aware of them until the Holy Spirit shows us.

Unyielded areas pose a problem for us because the Bible tells us to lay down our lives for His sake. Jesus has offered His life for our life. All we need to do is take it by submitting our spirits/souls, bodies, and entire lives to Jesus. It is a swap. There

is an exchange that happens at the cross. **He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it (Matthew 10:39, NKJV).** This is harder than we think. There are many areas in our lives that we want to hold on to. Take pride for example, we need to exchange our pride for the humility of Christ. That is incredibly difficult. Man is incredibly prideful in many facets of life. Another example is impatience. Humans are incredibly impatient. We need to walk through some pretty tough trials in order to take on the patience of Christ. Interestingly the word patience in the KJV is 'longsuffering'.

We cling to these areas and stubbornly refuse God access to them. Sometimes we may think we are yielding them, but God sees our heart and knows when we are not. This poses a problem! Any area not submitted to God is not brought under the Blood of Christ. All unyielded areas have not passed through the Cross. Christ is the door and is now on the other side of the Cross. To go through the door you need to first go through the cross. **I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture (John 10:9, KJV).** The word of God tells us that we need to be crucified with Christ. Any area not brought under Christ's Lordship remains vulnerable to the enemy, who seeks to exploit our flesh and weaknesses (**Ephesians 4:27; Romans 6:13**).

We may need repentance, deliverance and healing in those areas before we can let them go and accept Christ into them. With unyielded areas there is lack of trust and many other sins so they need to be confessed and sanctified by using the name and power of Jesus Christ. I once asked God if His grace covered unyielded areas. This is what He showed me – **Grace = unprecedented favour.** God's grace can cover every area of your life. Grace is God's trump card and He can use it anywhere, anytime He chooses. For example if someone in your life no longer wanted anything to do with you, you could still give them a gift by handing it straight to them, putting it in their letterbox or dropping it at their front door, and even give it to them through a mutual friend. They don't have to keep your gift but nothing can stop you from giving it to them. Grace works like this. Nothing can stop God giving us His grace, not even those unyielded areas. (We do see though that we can fall from Grace when we try and keep His law to gain our salvation because the only way to be saved is through Jesus Christ. No works of righteousness on our behalf can earn our salvation. **You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace (Galatians 5:4, NKJV).**)

In regard to Grace God has shown me with our unyielded areas and sin more often than not He will choose not to give more grace than what He has already given. One reason for this is that God gives us free will. He gives us the freedom to choose His ways and choose Him rather than pushing Himself upon us. Another reason is that God wants to remove self-sufficiency from us so that we come to a place where we become totally reliant on Him. He wants to expose our weak areas so we can give them to Him and He can put His strength upon them. **And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9, KJV).**

He wants to also remove pride from us, and in order to do so may send trials and tribulation to outwork this from us. The extra portion of grace may come at the end of

the trial. ***But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble (James 4:6, KJV).***

YIELDING PRAYER – ***“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. (Romans 12:1, NKJV).”***

“Dear Father God in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ I repent for all areas in my life that I have not yielded to You. I ask that You would pinpoint and show me these areas. Help me to give them up. I want to relinquish all to You, so that You are in control. Father God I declare that I am ready to submit to You. I (name) present to You Father God my body as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God. I give You authority to minister to me. I love You and I trust You. I dedicate my life, spirit, soul and body to You. I dedicate my family, home, business, finances, belongings and pets to You. I ask for all thoughts, emotions, influence and endeavours to come into alignment with Your will and purposes for me. I commit my works to You LORD, so Your thoughts will be established. I ask the Holy Spirit for a fresh infilling to help me to discern Your voice, to lead me and guide me into the life You have planned for me. I give you authority to conform me into the Christ-like creation You have predestined me to be. I give You my life for the life of Christ, Amen”.

Loving God - ***Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind”(Matthew 22:37, NKJV).***

Do we really love God with all our heart, soul and minds? Our actions should reflect this. Respecting God shows Him that we love Him. One hundred percent trust and faith in God shows Him that we love Him. Obedience and doing what God asks us to do shows Him we love Him. Worshiping Him in spirit and truth (which is total submission to God with all of your heart and trust - trusting God always no matter what the circumstances or trials are telling us) shows God we love Him. Putting our purpose in God ahead of our needs also shows God we love Him. God showed me that I put limits on how I expressed my love for Him. When He was showering me with gifts and blessings I would show my love very openly for Him, and when I felt He wasn't answering my prayers I would be very displeased with Him, struggling to worship Him and express my Love. This doesn't work for God, He requires unconditional love from us. He asked me to put all false love at the foot of the cross - this included false love for Him and false love toward others and even ourselves. Putting Him first in our lives also shows God we love Him. ***“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:26, NKJV).*** If we can't answer yes to all of these then we do not love God with all our hearts. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour we are laying down our life for His life. We are submitting all of ourselves to Jesus. We can hold back many of these areas such as our time, trusting in Him completely, and even trying to control our own lives and circumstances ourselves. Double mindedness, indecision and procrastination is another way in which we are not submitting our all

to Jesus. Total submission to God is the highest form of worship, when we are unable to do this, it allows satan to inflict us in our flesh with curses and demonic spirits.

One of these areas is your time. It is not so much about the amount of time, it is about putting Him first in that time. He showed me that like the Jews in Malachi I was giving Him my time, but not the first fruits. This enabled satan to afflict my flesh. I would only spend time with God when I had the time. I had a terrible habit of going to bed extremely late and getting up late. My husband and I would set our alarm for the latest time possible to get the children off to school then I would muck around getting organised which left me no time for God. I needed to prioritise my time better. God asked me to go to bed earlier and get up earlier so I would be ready on time and have time for just Him and me. Our priorities may not be God's priorities. It can be undisciplined living, and undisciplined living puts one to sleep spiritually. It is a condition in which the heart of man has not been fully awakened. We need to make a conscious decision to make God's will and calling for our lives our first priority. This means prayer, praise, and relationship with God and loving Him with all our heart, speaking in tongues and Bible meditation. For some, it may even need to be first thing in the morning before starting your day. This can be what putting God first means. It may be a literal thing. In my case not allocating special time for God caused me to be forever distracted and a procrastinator. I really struggled to organise and prioritise my life. My days were chaotic which left me always feeling flustered and un-relaxed. We need to prioritise our lives for God.

Spiritually feeding ourselves should also be a big priority. We can spend so much time feeding our souls with things of the world that our spirits get weak. Our spirits need to be fed with the things of God. Excessive food intake as well as feeding ourselves with the things of the World and lack of spiritual food (Word of God) can make our spirits weak. We may even desire God's gifts and talents for our own edification. This means laying down our flesh and putting our needs at the foot of the cross and asking God to supply us with everything in accordance with His will.

(PRAYER) - "Holy Spirit please show me how I have not put God first in my life". *Write them down*

"Father God I repent for not loving You with all of my heart, soul and mind. I repent specifically for (*name them*). I repent also for all the times I believed You didn't love me, or that You didn't love me as much as You loved others. There are times I have not fully trusted in You, nor have I always put You first in my life. I claim to love You with all of my heart, yet my actions don't always reflect this. I repent for measuring your love for me on how much I was receiving from You and also that I carried false love for You in that I was only actively showing You my love when I was pleased with You. I repent for wrong priorities – I confess that Your will was not my first priority. I have not put prayer, praise, speaking in tongues, bible meditation, my purpose in You and spending time with You first. I allowed distractions to interfere with my relationship with You. I choose life and repent for not walking fully in the calling you have for my life because of fear, rebellion, uncertainty, procrastination, distraction, laziness, deception and doubt. I accept the calling You have for me, and I ask for You to help me become more disciplined. I repent for allowing the things of the world to distract from Godly things. I repent for all areas that are uneyielded to You. I

am sorry for ever rejecting You, Your word and the call of God on my life. I repent for desiring the things of God from a fleshly heart, when every talent and gifting You give me should always be for Your glory and edification of others. I lay everything 'I' have ever desired at the foot of the cross and I ask 'You' Lord to give me the desires of my heart. Help me to love You with all of my heart, all of my soul and all of my mind. I lay all false love at the foot of the cross and pray for an impartation of Your love so I can love You, love others and love myself with true love because it is only through Your love for me that I can love others. In Jesus name I break all curses that came about from not putting God first in my life. I command every demon that hinders my spirit/soul and body from loving, serving and putting God first in my life to leave in Jesus name. I command all demons that came as a result of this, as well as all demons who came as a result of the lies that God didn't love me to leave also in Jesus name".

Grieving the Holy Spirit - And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you (Ephesians 4:30-32, NKJV).

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23, NKJV).

The Holy Spirit in us is just, pure and good. When we walk contrary to the fruits of the Spirit we give Him cause to grieve. Another way we can grieve the Holy Spirit is when we believe something about Him which isn't true. An example of this is I often feel weird with the presence of the Holy Spirit when He is manifesting His presence over me. I feel physically shaky, with a pounding heart and a feeling of anxiousness (as in a rush of adrenaline within my nervous system). I also tremble physically which is noticeable. Not sure if this was normal I wrongly assumed that it was possibly a demon that was manifesting under the anointing until one day a lady told me that she feels exactly the same under the anointing and God gave her a revelation why. She told me that God had told her that the sensations were fear and trembling whilst serving Him. ***Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling (Psalm 2:11 KJV).*** This made more sense so I rightfully apologised to the Holy Spirit for believing His wonderful presence and supernatural manifestations were a demon.

(PRAYER) – "Father God in Jesus name I apologise to the Holy Spirit for the times I walk in the opposite fruit to You. I am sorry for blaming You or believing things about You that are not true. The Word of God says that You are patient, loving and kind. Please bear with me and help me to operate more and more in Your fruits. I give You permission to get on my case! In Jesus name, Amen".

Fear of the Lord - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct

your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil. It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones (Proverbs 3:5-8, NKJV).

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding (Proverbs 9:10, NKJV).

'Fear of the Lord' and 'fear' - do they mean the same thing?

No! Interestingly when you go back to the original Greek and Hebrew texts 'fear of the Lord' means to respect, have reverence and admire.

Fear on its own means terror, to be afraid.

Proverbs 1, 2 and 3.

- **Proverbs 1:** Wisdom begins with fearing the Lord.
- **Proverbs 2:** The fear of the Lord is found when we seek wisdom from God.
- **Proverbs 3:** The fear of the Lord shows itself in humble trust, obedience, and turning from evil.

The **fear of the Lord** is central to gaining true wisdom-it's not terror, but a deep **reverence, awe, and submission** to God's authority and goodness.

These passages clearly teach that if we don't fear (respect) God and depart from evil we will not be blessed. If we choose to walk in the ways of God blessing ensues, if we choose to walk in the ways of the world, destruction ensues.

God once told me that 'fear' (terror) actually enters us when we choose not to 'fear the Lord'. If we choose to do the right thing and resist the devil 'fear of the Lord' will deliver us from actual fear (terror).

Is this Scriptural?

1. Terror (wrong fear) enters when we reject God's wisdom

“Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord... they shall eat the fruit of their own way... the turning away of the simple will slay them.”

– Proverbs 1:29-32

When people reject God's authority and moral order, fear, anxiety, and chaos often follow. That includes internal fear (terror, dread, confusion), because without God's covering, we're vulnerable to the enemy's influence.

2. The fear of the Lord delivers us from all other fears

“The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him and delivers them.” – Psalm 34:7

The fear of the Lord leads to life, and he who has it will abide in satisfaction; he will not be visited with evil.” – Proverbs 19:23

“In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear.” – Isaiah 54:14

Reverent fear of God protects us from harmful, tormenting fear.

God wants us to walk in His moral statutes because we respect and admire Him. Fear of God pleases God. Adhering to His moral law because you admire and respect Him pleases Him. Don't adhere to the law of God to earn favour or approval from God. Do it out of respect because you love God. There can also be a counterfeit fear of God which actually results in a fear (terror) of God where you are afraid of Him. God is a God of Love and this is the opposite of who He is.

(PRAYER) - "Dear God I repent for lack of fear of God. This includes lack of respect, admiration and reverence for You as my creator. I repent for the times I chose to do 'wrong' instead of choosing to do 'right' in accordance with the moral statutes of God. I repent for having the 'wrong' fear of the Lord and renounce the lie that you would punish me. Help me to see that You are a God of Love. In Jesus name I release 'the fear of the Lord' into me. I command the counterfeit Fear of God to leave along with all other fear that entered when I chose not to fear the Lord in the name of Jesus Christ".

Pleasing God - One day I was at my church worshipping the Lord when I had a vision of a white curtain. I opened the curtain and saw an old school desk instead of the Ark of the Covenant. Inside the old school desk was the Law of God. God told me that He was showing me what was inside my heart. He told me that the desk was striving and it represented a work station. He hadn't been able to enter and sanctify certain areas of my heart because I didn't understand the difference between grace and works. He showed me that I would spend my time trying to please Him so that He in return would be pleased with me! This then becomes about 'me' and not about 'Him'. My whole motivation and beliefs were based on a mind-set which 'wants to gain approval and be accepted'. We should do things to please God simply because we love Him and want to bless Him.

The Old Covenant was about trying to keep the law through works of righteousness to be right standing with God. This is works! The New Covenant is about Jesus removing the curse of the law so we can be right standing with God simply by accepting and believing in Jesus. This is Grace! Most of us know that we cannot earn our citizenship to Heaven, that it is free and given to us through God's Grace. We understand it, accept it and are good with it, but there is much more to this than we realise. Salvation is more than just earning our place in Heaven when we die. Salvation is also about attaining freedom for our bodies and souls from sickness and hurt. It is about financial freedom and provision in our lives. Most of us are aware that we have received a free gift to Heaven through accepting Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, but for some reason we still think we need to strive to **please** God to earn more. We try to do everything right to earn favour and approval from God so He will **love us more, be pleased with us and release His blessings.**

The problem with this is that He has already given to us the whole Kingdom; this includes the **blessings, His love, His approval and favour**. These things are already ours. No works of righteousness on our part will earn something we already have. In fact the Word of God tells us that if we attempt to be justified by law we have fallen from Grace. ***You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace (Galatians 5:4, NKJV)***. Instead of striving to do good works to **earn** these things, we need to take a proactive approach to access what is already ours. We find it really hard to believe our Kingdom inheritance is free; we keep trying to earn it. As humans we live by a belief system that when people are pleased with us we will gain rewards. This comes from a life time of 'doing' good things and being rewarded for them. It starts in our childhood when our parents reward us for good behaviour, carries on into school and then into our jobs when we want to please our bosses. A lot of us simply do things to please others for self-approval and praise. What does the Word of God say about doing works to attain freedom and gain approval from God? ***O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? (Galatians 3:1-3, NKJV)***.

And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work (Romans 11:6, NKJV).

As Christians we know what the law is - it is God's moral law of right and wrong. It is God's commandments of righteous living that are in our minds, and written on our hearts. We understand that we need to adhere to this Godly law of right and wrong living because when we walk contrary to it, we open ourselves up to the devil and suffer affliction and attack. This is because we are walking in the flesh and not in the spirit. God showed me that we are supposed to live our life in accordance with the law, because the law is good, but attaining to the law should have no emphasis on **trying to earn your salvation, gain favour or right standing with God, make Him love us more, or make Him pleased with us**.

We are already made righteous the moment we accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. His blood covers us. We are no longer 'under' the law; this means we don't need to keep the law to be in right standing with God. Jesus already took care of that, and because of this we are already right standing with God. He removed the curse of the law. God allowed Him to do this because He loves us so much. There is nothing we can do to make God love us more. God told me that it is an insult to try and please Him with our acts of righteousness if it is not for the right reasons. In fact it cancels out the law of Grace. So then what are the right reasons? Pleasing God is all about the motive of our heart and why we choose to do things in order to please Him or others. Pleasing God works by **trusting Him, Loving Him and loving others, respecting Him, being obedient to His voice and promptings, and exercising faith by believing and doing what the Word of God says**. Of course God still wants us to adhere to the law, but this should be for the right reasons. You will please God when you adhere to the law if it is because you love the Law and agree that the law is right! You will please God if you adhere to the law because you

honour Him and love Him. **Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.** 'We labour' is φιλοτιμεομαι and means strive (to be actuated by love of honour). The word actuated means to be motivated. God wants our motivation of striving to do good works to be because we honour Him, adore Him and love Him. We please God when our motivation is love, love for Him and love for others. We please God also when we allow Him to do the good works through us – giving Him the glory! Pleasing God should have no emphasis on trying to get Him to be pleased with you! God rewards us when He is pleased with us, but purposely doing good things to get Him to be pleased with us is not the right way to go. God's ways certainly are not our ways!

Blessings and rewards come as a result of grace flowing when we step out and take what Jesus has offered us. **How do we take it?** 'Resist' the devil so he will flee from you. Resisting the devil is steadfastly sticking to what is right and wrong. Use God's tools such as His word, praise, worship, fellowshiping with other Christians and spending time in His presence listening for His voice. These are the keys to inherit the blessings. When we are sick and a doctor gives us medicine to take, do we take it because we want to please the doctor or do we take it because it will make us well? We need to liken God's tools to medicine and apply them so we can be set free in our flesh! The devil will use guilt and condemnation to make us feel as though we are letting God down when we are not reading His word, or going to Church, or spending time in His presence. The more we feel that we **have** to do these things to please God, it inevitably ends up making us do it out of guilt. This does not work for God. We do not inherit the blessings because of our own good works done with a wrong motive. Using God's tools releases healing. It is using the tools themselves that make us well. If we don't use them and apply them then it is only us who suffers. We inherit the blessings because we are entering into God's presence and claiming what the Word of God says. If we do these things it is because we believe in the power of them. Faith with works! This pleases God! Good works acceptable to God is works working through faith. Faith is belief. When you believe and obey, this pleases God. Faith is the ability to believe. Faith releases miracles. Our own good works for the wrong reasons do not earn rewards! Works with faith are the key because you believe. You believe, and then you 'do' what God shows you to do. Works is faith in action. We show our faith by our works. In fact rewards are released when we exercise our faith. **But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him (Hebrews 11:6, KJV).** As we allow more of God's love to crucify our flesh we will actually find we operate more and more in a righteous moral manner because the love of God in us will help us to automatically do it. No striving on our part to do anything will even be needed, because it will become natural to us. This pleases God when His love working through us automatically helps us do what is right!

(PRAYER) - "Dear God I repent for trying to keep the law through works of righteousness to be right standing with God. I repent that I have done good works so that You and others would be pleased with me, as this then becomes blessing others to bless myself. I repent for trampling the spirit of grace underfoot. I repent for trying to earn my salvation, and gain approval and love from You through righteous acts and works. Help me to strive in 'Good works' for the right reasons. Help me to see

that I don't need to earn favour or approval from You because I already have it. Jesus removed the punishment system and helps me to fulfil the law through His righteousness so I can relax and be okay with the fact that I am not perfect, and that You love me anyway! I command every spirit of striving, perfectionism, and false good works to leave immediately in the name of Jesus Christ. I pray for the grace of God to again flow in my life and circumstances, Amen".

This is a note I have pinned to my wall to help me to remember:-

- **'Do good works because you love God and want to honour Him'**
- **'Do good works because you believe in His word and because you agree with His word'**
- **'Use Gods tools because they are keys to aide in your circumstances'**
- **'Do good works because you love others and want to help them'**
- **'Do not do good works to please God if your motivation is for Him to be pleased with You - in order to satisfy the need for approval'**

Dead Works - Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God (Hebrews 6:1, NKJV).

Dead works I believe are categorised as the following:

- a) A selfishly motivated desire for the things of God for one's own benefit. We can seek to satisfy the flesh when we should do all things for God's Glory. We may do good things for the wrong reasons. Good works should always be about the motive of our heart and why we choose to do things. Do we do it because we love God and want to please Him, or do we do it because we feel we have to, or because we are trying to get God's or someone else's approval?
- b) Faith without works: When we say we have faith but our actions don't show it. One of the highest forms of worship to God is obedience to do what He tells us. This can be through the spoken word (Rhema) or written word (Bible). When we do not obey, this is dead works. Another example is when we are simply readers of the word and not doers of the word. ***But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves (James 1:22, NKJV).***
- c) Works without faith. We may believe we earn our salvation with 'good works', when the Bible clearly says that our salvation is a free gift given by God. ***Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5, NKJV).*** Paul teaches in Ephesians that we are justified by faith alone, while James teaches we are justified by faith plus works. This means we cannot be justified (made right with God) by our own 'good works'. It is only Jesus working

through us that our good works are counted as righteous, and our faith made perfect. ***Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? (James 2:22, NKJV).*** In fact 'Faith with Works' releases our rewards from God as part of our salvation process. Faith is believing. You believe, then you 'do' what God shows you to do!

(d) Religion: When we are in a church doing what the church believes is right, when it is actually against the will of God!

(e) Striving to become more righteous in our own strength. ***But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousness's are like filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6, NKJV).*** Our righteousness comes from Christ alone. Nothing we do outside of Christ can make us righteous. We may even think we need to strive to do 'good works' and act righteous to have approval from God or others. We need to put on the robe of righteousness and yield to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to crucify the flesh. Declaring Kingdom promises and who 'we are in Christ' each day empowers the Holy Spirit to do the work in us. The power of the Holy Spirit working through us changes us into the Christ-like creations we are pre-destined to be, we cannot do it ourselves.

(PRAYER) - "Dear God I repent for dead works. I have strived in my own strength to become righteous, when it is the power of the righteousness of Christ working through me that changes me. I repent also for striving to earn favour and approval from You or others by doing good works. I repent for entering into the churches dead works. I repent for seeking and doing the things of God for the purpose of selfishly motivated desires, when it should have been to glorify You, and of course just simply because I 'love You'. I repent also for ever believing that 'works' can earn my salvation. Salvation is a free gift given from You and no matter how hard I try I can never earn my salvation. Fill me to overflowing with Your perfect love, so I can walk in the spirit and not in the flesh. I present my body to You as a living and holy sacrifice for Your good works and good purposes. I repent also for lack of obedience to You and Your word. Teach me Your voice, lead me and guide me so my actions can reflect my faith. Prompt me to be a doer of Your word and not just a reader. I command all striving, including martyr-based, pleaser-based, pride, self, perfectionism and everything else to do with 'dead works' to leave me immediately in the name of Jesus Christ - Amen."

Hating the Devil - There is much confusion as to whether we are supposed to hate the devil and his demons. The word hate in Hebrew is **sane'** and **miseo** in Greek. It translates as detest, abhor. I once asked God if He hated the devil. What followed was much confusion around this. I studied this and sought the advice of others and initially came to the conclusion that God hates only the sin and not the sinner so this must apply to the devil also. I know that God considers His creation good and the devil is part of His creation so I thought He probably would not hate something He created. I sought the Scriptures and could only really come up with that we are to bless those that curse us, and love our enemies. With this knowledge I repented for the times I openly confessed my hatred toward the devil and his

demons but the next day my spirit was troubled - I could not get this out of my head. I knew I needed to do more research and delve further into the Scriptures and see what the word of God said on this matter.

The one that came to me first and foremost was ***"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:26, NKJV).*** In this God is saying that if we put anyone even our earthly family ahead of Him they become idols in our lives. God speaks in the Bible many times of how He hates idols. I then came to this Scripture in Proverbs. ***These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren (Proverbs 6:16-19, NKJV).*** In this God is saying that He hates a false witness who speaks lies and one who sows discord among brethren. This is describing the devil. According to Scripture God does in fact hate the devil. We are told in Scripture to hate what God hates and to love what He loves. ***Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world (1 John 2:15-16, NKJV).***

You who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked (Psalm 97:10, NKJV). The devil is the epitome of evil. ***You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it (John 8:44, NKJV).***

God also tells us to hate evil. ***A wise man fears and departs from evil, But a fool rages and is self-confident (Proverbs 14:16, NKJV).***

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good (Romans 12:9, NKJV).

The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, And the perverse mouth I hate (Proverbs 8:13, NKJV).

The devil is referred to in Scripture as the 'evil one'. Satan is not just someone who does evil things; his entire nature is evil, deceptive, and opposed to God.

This is what I believe the Lord spoke to me: ***"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon" (Matthew 6:24, NKJV).*** ***Hating the devil and everything he stands for is to fear the Lord. There is one who is pure evil. That is satan. He has an unrepentant heart. I cannot forgive the devil for he will never repent. If you do not truly hate the devil how can you turn away from his abominations? You must hate who he is and what he stands for before you can say you truly love God. To hate the***

*devil and all his evil is to love God. Unless you truly hate him how can you turn from him? How can you say you love God while doing evil? You can't truly turn away from worldly ways until you truly hate them. To hate the devil is to reject all he stands for. If you give him an inch he will take a mile. If you don't hate him and his evil then your mindset will start to line up with his lies. His lying tongue will tempt you to believe that some sin is okay. I need to purge out all sin. Hate evil, turn away from evil. Turn to me, turn to the light. Hate the dark and love the light. Turn from him and his evil ways. To hate him is to hate sin. To hate sin is to love God. To love God is to love His laws that are written in your mind and on your heart. But more importantly the key to all this is NOT to focus on hating satan, instead focus on loving God. There comes a moment when you have to hate evil before you can turn away from it and truly commit your all to God. It is a decision to choose love and light and turn away from the dark. When you have done this declare your love for God. Change your focus to meditating on loving God. It is what you focus on that brings the power. Even though you are meant to hate the devil if you focus your attention on hating him you will actually attract him. Don't waste your time and energy on hating him - this is what he wants. Rather than adopting a mindset of hating him adopt a mindset of loving God. Turn away from evil, turn away from satan. **Submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you (James 4:6-7).** Submit to God comes before you can resist the devil. If you focus on hatred of the devil it will detract from the love of God. Loving God with all of your heart, soul and mind automatically means you are hating the devil".*

In conclusion I believe we should hate the devil — not with personal revenge, but with righteous rejection and spiritual hostility. If you want God to activate and illuminate the laws of God in your heart so that you will love them and naturally want to follow them you can make them come alive by declaring you abhor and turn away from satan and all he stands for. Renounce the devil and his ways of corruption and evil intent. Run to the ways and statutes of God. Live for Him and His lawful system of what He views as right. Come into agreement with the Word of God. When you are ready for God to illuminate His laws in your heart then prayer this prayer:-

(PRAYER) - "Father God, Father of My beloved Jesus Christ I love You. On behalf of my flesh I repent for hating Your laws, I repent for hating Your justice system. My flesh wants to do what is contrary to the laws of God. My flesh hates Your laws Father God and it hates Your justice system of discipline to teach right from wrong. I repent. Father my spirit loves Your justice system, my spirit loves your laws and I am ready to commit my heart and soul to them. I want to turn away from the devil and His corruption. The ways of man are corrupt - man aligns himself with the devil. The ways of the devil are an abomination. I am sorry I have aligned myself with the devil on numerous occasions. No more - light a fire within my heart. Burn Your laws into my heart with your finger Lord. Illuminate them. Give me a heartfelt desire to follow them, to love them and be one with them. I want to hate what you hate and love what you love. Father I simply abhor and turn away from satan and his demons, evil, sin, immorality and corruption. I turn from satan, I renounce him and his worldly ways. I am ready for Your fire to burn deeply within My heart. I am ready for Your

laws to shine bright and show me the way. Father God from this day I declare I love You, I love light, I love peace, I love Joy, I love patience, I love goodness, I love kindness, I love faithfulness, I love gentleness and I love self-control. In Jesus name, Amen".

Forgiving God - Forgiving God is something we encourage people to do if they blame Him for things that have hurt them or if they believe He has let them down. Is it Biblical however to forgive God as He does no wrong?

Forgiveness isn't always about forgiving someone else's wrongdoing. Sometimes someone can do the right thing which can cause offence to us because we don't agree with it. Unforgiveness is an offence we carry towards someone or something because of a hurt. In the case of God He can never do wrong but His ways are not our ways hence we can become offended or hurt by His actions. We need to forgive Him because we are hurt by His actions because His ways of dealing with things are so different, but of course they are always right. Our sin is the unforgiveness to God that we hold. Repenting for the unforgiveness toward God then forgiving God cancels out the sin of unforgiveness toward Him. Usually the only way to get rid of an offence is to forgive the one who has offended you.

Looking at it also from another angle many people refuse to believe that God allows things to happen to us that can hurt us. They blame the devil but at the end of the day God allows the devil to do what he does. Sin in our lives ties God's hands and sometimes He has to remove our hedge of protection because of His own justice system. This can result in attacks from Satan. Forgiving God that He didn't prevent the attacks against us and acknowledging that His justice system is good is the way to go. Blaming God for the things in our lives that go wrong is claiming that His justice system is wrong. At the end of the day it is our sin and our ancestors sin that lead to God being unable to intervene.

Forgiving God also enables good to come from the events that caused us pain in the first place. Another aspect of carrying unforgiveness toward God is where *we may believe that God has let us down - but in reality God never lets us down – it is our own expectations of what we want God to do for us that is letting us down?*

(PRAYER) – "I repent in Jesus name for all unforgiveness and blame I and my ancestors have toward You Father God. I repent for choosing to be offended. I forgive You that You didn't stop attacks and bad things coming against us. I renounce the lies that You have done anything wrong and I declare that You are a just God and I acknowledge that Your justice system is good. I repent also that my expectations of what I wanted You to do caused me to blame and resent You when Your plans did not line up with my expectations. I trust that You are good and that all things work together for good in my life because I am called for Your purpose, Amen".

Counterfeit Veil/Spirit of Stupor/Slumber – The temple of God (which represents us) had a veil that hid the Holiest of Holies (the most Holy Place). No one

except the High Priest could ever enter. Jesus became the great High Priest for all. At the Cross of Calvary when Jesus gave up His spirit the veil of the Temple to the Holiest of Holies was torn in two. The tearing down of this wall represents the personal relationship between man and God. We can enter into a heart-felt relationship with God. We are now all Royal Priests and can enter into the Throne room of God and enter into His presence with our hearts (when we worship in spirit and truth). *Although the veil is removed satan can place a counterfeit veil in its place.* The spirit of stupor (also known as slumbering) is a counterfeit veil satan places between soul and spirit and represents a blocking spirit. ***But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (2 Corinthians 3:14-17, NKJV).***

“God has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see. And ears that they should not hear, to this very day” (Romans 11:8, NKJV). It can also be referred to as a spirit of sleepiness or lethargy. It blinds true understanding of God and His word, and can even block us receiving from God. It can also block God from entering other areas of our hearts, and us from entering into the Throne room of God. It is the spirit who makes everything too hard. We want to do the will of God but cannot be bothered. Have you ever tried reading the Bible and become so sleepy that you cannot continue? Again it is this spirit! It is able to enter when we go against the commands of God. Things such as lack of trust in God, pride, unbelief, rebellion, resisting the leading of the Holy Spirit, rejection of God and His Moral Law, striving to earn favour from God when we already have it, and not putting God first in our lives. The Bible tells us that being lukewarm is worse than being cold. Being lukewarm allows this spirit of stupor to come. Being lazy and entering into procrastination is another way we can invite this spirit to attack us. Worshipping in Spirit and truth is total submission to God with all of your heart and trust - trusting God always no matter what the circumstances or trials are telling us. When we cannot trust God, His word and His promises in all things this is counted as false worship, and is unbelief. False worship enables satan to inflict us with this counterfeit veil. In the Bible many men and woman of God were given this spirit because of rebellion, rejection and unbelief. This was due to their lack of trust in God. The slumbering spirit works hand in hand with the deaf and dumb spirit, and also the spirit of deception. He may even convince you that you are tired because you are getting older so you just accept this and partner with it. Look at the old 'greats' from the Bible, they were doing more for God than many young ones, this was because God sustained them! ***Even to your old age, I am He, and even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you (Isaiah 46, NKJV).***

(PRAYER) –“Heavenly Father I repent for going against Your commands. I repent for hardness of heart and resisting the leading of the Holy Spirit. I repent for false worship due to lack of trust, unbelief, pride, rebellion, stubbornness, rejection, laziness, lack of discipline, procrastination, striving for approval and favour from You, and not putting You first in my life. I repent for partnering with tiredness and the belief that it is part of aging when Your word says that You will sustain me. I have

allowed the slumbering spirit to block true revelation and understanding of Your word and practices. Please open the eyes of my heart Lord and impart a discernment and perception to 'see' and 'hear' You. I pray that You would also show me the simplicity of Your word as it was originally intended. In the name of Jesus Christ I break all curses and access points that enabled the slumbering spirit to come. I command all demons of unbelief, rebellion, stubborn, disobedience, deception, pride, striving, slumber, torpor, tiredness, procrastination, confusion, mind blocking and deaf and dumbness to leave immediately in the name of Jesus Christ. I tear the counterfeit veil between soul and spirit. ***(Hebrews 4:12, NKJV) - For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*** I speak to my eyes and ears and declare ***Matthew 13:16 'Blessed are my eyes for they see, and blessed are my ears for they hear'.*** I declare ***Ephesians 1:17-18 - That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened.*** I release and partner with life, vigour, energy and enthusiasm with God in Jesus name".

****How do you pierce through this veil? Through praise and worship. Start praising and worshipping the Lord in all things – everyday no matter what the circumstances!**

Inactive Spirit (Spiritually dead) - The human spirit has dominance over the soul but sometimes our spirit may have areas that are inactive or dormant. Even after you are born-again and have received the Holy Spirit into your human spirit there may still be areas of dormancy. These areas of dormancy mean that parts of the soul has dominance over the spirit. These inactive or dormant parts need to be awakened to again take dominance over the soul. This is how you walk in the spirit and not the flesh. Once born-again it is important to feed our spirits with the Word of God. If our spirit is not feed it will not grow and may become inactive. Your spirit is where you commune with God so we need to continually spend time with God to keep that part of our spirit open to receiving from Him. A dry or inactive spirit will also not be able to nurture your soul and physical body with the life force and dynamis power of God. If you have ever rejected God, or the call of God on your life you may have an inactive spirit. Resisting the Holy Spirit can also render the spirit dormant. Repentance and prayer will awaken the spirit. If you ignore God's gifts, misuse them or reject them they may remain inactive within you. God may stop using you for His call and purposes because you have rejected His talents and gifts. This may even be a continuous thing, you may have to do this more than once - wait for the leading of the Holy Spirit.

(PRAYER) - "Dear God I repent for rejecting You, Your word, the leading of the Holy Spirit, and the call of God on my life. I repent for inhibiting the anointing of the Holy Spirit. If I have used Your gifts, talents and abilities for my own gain and not Your glory, I repent for this also. I repent for lack of faith, loss of hope and backsliding when all I had to do was 'wait' and believe on You and Your promises. I give You permission Lord Jesus to awaken my spirit, to unearth and re-activate all the tools, gifts, talents and abilities I have neglected, misused and buried. I am sorry for

running from the call of God over my life. I choose life and declare I am alive in Christ. I pray that You would awaken my spirit again in Jesus name. In the name of Jesus Christ I command all demons causing spiritual death to leave immediately.

Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light (Ephesians 5:14, KJV).

Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! Thus says the Lord God to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live (Ezekiel 37:4-5, NKJV).

God-given Supernatural Ability to Trust - Trusting God was the hardest thing I had to do. My health was poor, I was really suffering with numerous ailments and I was waiting for healing that God had promised me I would receive 4 years earlier. I trusted that God was good, I trusted that He could do all things but I couldn't seem to shake the fact that I was afraid He would let me down. Everywhere around me it seemed to me that Christians were not receiving the 'good things' promised to all who believe. One day He told me that the reason I wasn't experiencing physical healing was because I couldn't trust Him. He asked how I expected Him to reign in my circumstances when there was unbelief. If you don't trust God it is unbelief. I was grumpy and told Him that we were in a catch 22 situation then. He wanted me to trust, when I trusted I would receive healing. The problem was until I received healing and answers to my many prayers I couldn't see how I could trust Him. Problem!! I would continually pray and ask Him to help me trust Him. This went on for three years until one day the Holy Spirit said "You are encompassed by a spirit called 'mistrust'. I repented for mistrusting Him and tried to cast it out. It wouldn't leave so that made me even more disillusioned. I remember having a rant at poor God for around 30 minutes. I told Him I was quitting Ministry, quitting Him because I couldn't believe in Him anymore. I told Him it was all too hard, and I couldn't do it anymore! After a while I calmed down and He told me that I had a choice to make; do I keep being mad, full of mistrust, or do I choose to simply trust and let go. I told Him I was so sorry for not trusting Him. I made a decision and in that moment chose to trust.

All was good for a while until fear beat me down and I entered again into mistrust. A few months later a certain situation came my way in which I had to let go of my kids and the safety net I had in place around them by letting them go to their friends' houses out of my sight! I had a huge problem with wrapping them in cotton wool so to let them out of my sight not knowing how much other parents let their kids do sent my world into a spin. Every bad scenario entered my imagination such as they may go for a walk on their own without parent supervision and a nasty person may hurt them, or they would cross the roads without looking and get run over, or a pack of dangerous dogs might attack them and it went on and on until I went to my room and cried. God told me that I needed to trust Him with them and let them go. How could I trust God when so many other Christians were hurting? He then told me that I could trust Him because my husband and I were in the centre of His will and purpose for us. He told me that He could see the heart of man and both my husband and I had committed our entire lives and purposes to Him for His good works and He could see

that we meant it. This meant He was in total control and that nothing could happen to us that He wasn't in control of. He showed me that He only wanted the best for us all.

The Holy Spirit then revealed to me that it was time for Him to help me supernaturally trust God because I couldn't do it in my own strength. He was going to impart the Gift of faith to me. He revealed to me that in order to impart His supernatural ability to me to be able to help me trust Him I simply needed to make the choice to want to trust Him. That was the easy part - of course I wanted to trust Him. I asked Him why He couldn't do this for me from the beginning - why did He wait 5 years before doing so. He showed me that He first needed to test my heart to see what was in it. It was all about my commitment toward Him. He asked me to make a line and when I had decided to make the choice to choose to want to trust Him ~ and let go and jump He would help me trust Him. I needed to get to a place where I could see that it was impossible to trust Him in my own strength. The spirit of fear and foreboding would not allow me to overcome this. Only with Jesus's help could I do this. He told me that I had been unable to trust because 'mistrust' simply wouldn't allow me to. After I jumped the line I wept and wept and saw myself encompassed in flames. I saw myself carrying a person through the flames. I asked the Holy Spirit who I was carrying. He replied that it was the old me. It represented the parts of me that were corrupt. ***But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4:20-24, NKJV).*** I was carrying the old me and that was an extremely heavy burden to carry. He asked me to lay the old me down in the flames turn around and walk away and not look back. It was not about rejecting myself and who God made but instead rejecting the parts of yourself that are ungodly. It was truly awful as I could hear the old me screaming for me to help her. I never looked back and I felt a sense of relief and wept as wept as the old me was swept away in the flames. God then showed me that Jesus was no longer standing beside me, He was actually attached to me like a Siamese twin. Jesus spoke to me and said ***"From this day You and I will battle together. No longer will you have to do things in your own strength"***. I had walked through the baptism of fire and left the old me behind. I was about to enter a whole new realm and partnership with Jesus!!

(PRAYER) - "Dear God I repent for not being able to trust You".

(Prophetic act): Place a line in front of you then stand in front of it and declare:

"Father God I (name) make a decision today to let go of mistrust. I make the choice to want to trust You. I choose to step out in faith and pray that You would impart the Gift of Faith to help me trust You. I pray that You would help me to always 'draw near to You' and 'resist the devil' so he will flee from me. I lay down in the fire the old me with the old ways and the old mind-sets".

(Step over the line then place into the flames the 'old you' and walk ahead a few steps without looking back - wait until you discern it is done)

"I command every spirit who causes me to mistrust to leave immediately in Jesus

name. I pray for the gift of faith and a supernatural ability to trust in God no matter what the circumstances in Jesus name".

******Shortly after this the Holy Spirit used another person to aide in this. They taught me what God did to help them to conquer fear. Each time something comes up that causes fear immediately give that fear to God and ask Him to face it with you, and conquer it with you. Step out in faith that God is by your side and conquer that fear. His strength can work through your weakness. An example prayer for these times is: -**

"Father God I give You my *(name the fear)*. I choose to release my faith and trust that You will work through me to conquer this fear". *(Then step out and conquer it through Gods strength)*.

Cursing God -The word curse according to dictionary.com means the expression of a wish that misfortune, evil, doom, etc., befall a person, group, etc. **And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him. And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin. And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the LORD, shall be put to death (Leviticus 24:13-16, KJV).** The word curse in this Scripture is **qalal** in Hebrew and means despise, to treat with contempt, bring contempt or dishonour. The word blaspheme in Hebrew is **naqab** and means to curse. Cursing God is blaming, complaining and speaking out against Him (even in our thoughts). By doing any of these things we are actually questioning His will. Everything that happens to you whether it is the result of a curse operating in your life, or the devil afflicting you in some way is allowed by God. It is okay to seek God and ask why things are happening and to ask Him to help you by exposing the source of the problem and how to break it, but it is not okay to blame Him and come against Him. Holding things against Him is unforgiveness. We have to forgive God for all the things that happen to us that hurt us and trust that His will for us better than our will for us. The devil is the one who carries out attacks against us but the devil cannot do anything without God's okay. It is not God's plan to hurt us. It is not God's plan to inflict us. It is God's plan to only give us good things but we get in the way of receiving them. It is also Gods plan to transform us into the likeness of Jesus so we become spotless and clean in our spirits, souls and bodies just as He was. Our actions, our sins and our mind-sets hinder God from giving us the blessings.

We once had a session with a man who never knew what love was. His father left when he was young and his mother didn't know how to show him love. Although he craved to be loved more than anything he would reject all forms of love that were offered to him. In fact he was afraid of love. We sought the Lord as to why this happened to him and the Lord revealed a curse over his life because his ancestors had hated God. He needed to stand in the gap and repent for all hatred towards God.

The most important thing when things go wrong is to ask God immediately 'What is in my life that is contrary to You giving the devil access to me'. Once you get an answer repent, thank God and break it off and pray for healing. God uses the devil to discipline us. We sometimes take a long time to get the message and learn what it is He is trying to teach us. This is where the prolonged and excessive suffering comes in. The longer we take to learn the lesson the harder it is and the more we harden our hearts toward God hence making the original disciplinary action become greater and greater. We need to repent for cursing God and blaming Him and instead of working against Him, work with Him to clean up our lives so we can reap the things that Jesus came and died for. Jesus didn't come so we could suffer, Jesus came to give us freedom. The Bible says that we need to suffer a while then we walk in the glory. The problem is we are suffering for a long while because we are not listening nor understanding. God is so just and good that He has to remove sin from us. There can be painful lessons that we need to learn along the way. The biggest one for me was to forgive God for my misfortunes and see that He only wanted the best for me. Letting go of blaming Him and seeing Him as unfair is the biggest first step to removing the curses and ill effects from your life. God once told me that the reason I couldn't be healed was because I didn't trust Him. I felt so annoyed by this as trusting Him was so hard when all I could see was bad things happening to me and to everyone I knew everywhere I looked. After three solid years of suffering infirmity in my body He told me that there was a curse operating in my life preventing me from trusting Him. That curse was self-imposed and was from cursing Him. God couldn't help me trust Him because I had cursed Him. What didn't Job do when He was inflicted by the devil? He didn't curse God. He sought Him and asked 'why', but He never blamed God, held Him accountable nor cursed Him. What was the result of this? A life richer than he had to begin with because God blessed Him with a double portion.

If you have ever cursed God and blamed Him or seen Him as unfair or even complained against Him, this is cursing God. We need to repent immediately and ask God to help us to always trust in His will even when it hurts us and when we don't understand it. My bet is that the moment we can have this change of mind-set that the curses and bad things will stop happening and blessing will ensue. This is the ultimate trust in God, not to blame Him, question Him or come against what is happening to you because You trust in His will more than your own. Learning to work with God instead of against Him will go a long way to receiving the abundant life He wants to give you.

(PRAYER) - "Father God I repent with all my heart on behalf of myself and ancestors for cursing You, blaming You and hating You. I repent for thinking you are unfair. I repent for complaining against you. I repent for questioning Your will for my life. I trust You, I trust You, and I trust You. I forgive You My Father, I forgive You that You haven't done things the way I wanted. I trust that You are for me. I trust that You want only good things for me. I trust that You love me. I trust that the plans You have for me are good and that they are not for harm, or for evil. I trust that they will give me the future that I hope for. Every demon that prevents me trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ I now cast you out and command you to never return.

This is something that I pin onto my wall:

Trusting God is about believing He wants to give You blessings and not curses.

Trusting God is working with Him to appropriate those blessings in your life.

Trusting God is believing that anything you are going through that is suffering is for a purpose and that purpose is good.

Trusting God is believing that any suffering you are going through will only be for a while to perfect you providing you work with God and not against Him. The more you work against Him the harder the trial becomes as the devil gains legal rights over you.

Tithing - Tithe: The Hebrew word, "ma'aser," is translated both as "tenth part," and "tithe." In like manner the Greek word, "dekate", is translated "tenth," and "tithe." The tithe is "The 10th part of one's increase, which God claims as His. I believe the word "tithe" is simply to give the 10th part of one's increase straight to God. ***And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord. If a man wants at all to redeem any of his tithes, he shall add one-fifth to it. And concerning the tithe of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the Lord (Leviticus 27:30-32, NKJV).***

Tithes were given to God as part of appeasement for sin along with other offerings so we could be in right standing with Him. These offerings included Burnt offerings, Grain Offerings, Peace Offerings, Great Offerings, Harvest Offerings, Sin Offerings, Heave Offerings, tithes and other sacrifices. In **Numbers 18:21-22** the High Priests were commanded to receive tithes in the form of a heave offering from the people. This was in the form of food. God allowed them His portion of the tithe as their service to the Temple. Many dictionaries claim the word "tithe" is "a one-tenth part of something, paid as a contribution to a religious organisation". This is the standard belief amongst many people also and is taken from this passage in the Scriptures. Many teach today that we are to tithe (give a tenth) by offering the first portion (in alignment with the sacrificial firstborns) of our wages to our local churches, in the belief that if we don't, we will receive a curse instead of a blessing. Malachi 3 is a teaching used by many for this. I believe this is incorrect teaching because this passage was written to the people of Israel who were very much backslidden from the Lord, having neglected Him in every way. God required offerings, tithes and other sacrifices in the Old Testament so we could be in 'right standing' with Him. These offerings were all about appeasement. Jesus did away with all these ceremonial and cleansing laws when He stood in the gap for us at the Cross of Calvary. This selfless act enables us to be in right standing with God. We no longer have to appease Him. No more sacrifices, offerings and tithes in this ceremonial way are needed. If part of the offerings and tithes that were given to God for appeasement were passed on to the High Priests for their service then that surely

can no longer apply as the practice of ceremonial tithing, offerings and sacrifices given to God in this way are null and void. **Hebrews 7: 4-28** talks about how the Levitical priesthood system is annulled because you cannot get saved or made perfect through this old covenant system. There speaks of a much better way which is Jesus and the New Covenant where you are saved and made perfect by accepting Jesus as your Lord and Saviour.

Although the Levitical system of tithing was annulled there is however still a principle of tithing back to God required from us as followers of Christ. **Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind’. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets” (Matthew 22:37-40, NKJV).**

How do we love the Lord our God with all our hearts, all our souls, and all our minds? By giving Him our 'love, time, trust and obedience'! He showed me that tithing to Him isn't about giving a 10th of your wages to your local church, it is about giving to Him directly. Jesus Christ gave us His life. We are in return asked to lay down our lives. We are to die to self. Our increase is the new life Jesus has given us. Our life is no longer our own. God desires more than anything to have a personal relationship with us. How do we give God 10% of this increase? Easy we give Him all of us!

We give Him our lives. Our life for His life so we can enter into His purpose for us. What He requires first and foremost is You! Offering to God only bits of you does not work for God, He requires all of You! At the Cross of Calvary an exchange takes place. His life for your life. It is a swap. Many of us hang on to and protect areas, and in turn don't give Jesus access to them. This poses a problem. These unyielded areas we are hanging on to remain unsanctified. These areas may be cursed, demonised, broken and unhealed. Anything unyielded isn't covered by the Blood of Christ because it hasn't passed through the Cross. We may need repentance, deliverance and healing in those areas before we can let them go and accept Christ into them. Many times we think we have given them to Christ, but He sees our heart and knows we haven't.

What does this mean for giving to others then? But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: 'He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever'. Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the Gospel of Christ, and for your

liberal sharing with them and all men, and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:6-15, NKJV). These Scriptures tell us that we should be giving with a willing heart, not because guilt or misinterpretation of the law dictates to us. We need to ask the Holy Spirit in our lives: "What does He want us to give"? It may be money to the church you attend, (which is important because a church needs to function), a charity, family or neighbours? It may even be a loving caring act towards our fellow brother or sister? There are many other ways we can put God first in our lives. By actively outworking our purpose in Him whether that be in Ministry, in Helps, teaching, evangelising, and the many other things we are called to do - all these things can be another way we can show God we are putting Him first in our lives. The Bible teaches us about giving with a willing heart; let us abide by this principle. Don't give out of guilt or pressure; give because you want to give. When we give with a willing heart then we will be blessed!

(PRAYER) - "Father God I repent for failing to give You back Your share of my increase. I repent for all deception I believed in regard to tithing. I repent for tithing to religious organisations because I believed it was my duty and **had** to do this. Help me to give with a willing heart and help me to bless those whom You want to be blessed. Show me how to give and what it is You want me to give. I trust You with my possessions and finances and I have faith that blessings will return to me when I bless others with a willing heart. All areas of myself that I have hung on to and not allowed to pass through the Cross I repent and ask You to help me carry them through. I exchange my life for the life of Christ. Cleanse me, deliver me, sanctify me, heal me and make me a new creation in Christ! I break every curse that came as a result of incorrect tithing and command every demon that is with me because of this to leave in Jesus name".

Hiding your light - ***"Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops" (Matthew 10:26, NKJV). "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven? But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32-33, NKJV).*** If we deny Jesus by hiding our light and not witnessing to others when prompted by the Holy Spirit because of embarrassment, fear of confrontation, fear of being mocked, judged, ridiculed, slandered, or criticised, the word says that Jesus will deny us before God. Many people are wondering why they do not have a close relationship with Father God and are blocked from receiving from Him. Could this be one of the reasons why?

(PRAYER) – "Heavenly Father I repent for hiding my light. I repent that even though I knew You, I denied You before men. I ask that Your light will shine in me greater than before and that people will see that light and I can become a great witness for You. I command all shame, fear, fear of rejection, fear of confrontation, fear of slander and ridicule and all other demons associated with hiding my light to leave right now in the name of Jesus Christ".

Complaining - Complaining is described as one who is discontented with life. We can complain about others, God, our circumstances and even ourselves. ***Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or laboured in vain (Philippians 2:14-16, NKJV)***. The Word challenges us not to complain. When the men and woman in the Bible complained against God they bore His anger. How does God want us to act? ***Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-9, NKJV)***. This is a word the Lord once spoke to me:-***“My children forget to always thank Me – instead they complain. They thank Me with one hand, and then complain with the other. Complaining opens one up to the destroyer. Nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer (1 Corinthians 10:10, NKJV)***. ***Instead of focussing on what they have My children are focussing on what they don't have. If you thank Me for all you have then the things you don't have will start to manifest.”*** Thanking God in all things is one of the key principles of walking in the spirit. No matter what the circumstances look for the goodness of God, focus on that and thank Him.

(PRAYER) - "In the name of Jesus Christ I repent for complaining and self-pity. I have complained about life, my circumstances, and my health. I have complained about You Father God, myself and others. Help me Lord to replace complaining with rejoicing and thanking. I ask that You would reveal to me the good things, especially when times are tough so I can truly thank You and praise Your name. Teach me how to rejoice in the Lord in all things. I thank You Jesus for all things! I command the destroyer to leave immediately in Jesus name. I close the door to destruction in Jesus name. I release blessing into every area of my life, spirit/soul and body that was devastated by the destroyer in Jesus name. ***Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, “The Lord be magnified” (Psalm 40:16, NKJV)***.

Counterfeit signs and wonders - God showed me that most people love the miraculous and the supernatural. We love signs and wonders and actively seek them out. ***A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign (Matthew 16:4, NKJV)***. Seeking signs and wonders from a wrong motive can invite in lying signs and wonders. Signs and wonders are designed by God as a testament to His love and follow those who believe. If the desire for signs and wonders comes before our desire for relationship with Jesus the enemy can mislead us in a belief that we are working in the Holy Spirit, yet at the same time taking us away from God's will and purpose. It can lead us 'off the path' and 'chasing rainbows' quite literally. By doing so we will be given, from the wrong source, the miracles we are 'seeking for' rather than the works of God through us. This is an 'abomination' of God's works in us and

ultimately leads to death. God is giving us a timely lesson and reminder that we are His servants, not anything more than that. Following after our flesh and not His Spirit will lead us to be 'harlots of our souls'. Prostituting ourselves spiritually for the gains received in performing 'God's miracles'. God, alone, is our master and in everything we do we are commanded to do so in love. Love and lust are a world apart in God's eyes, yet in our sinful ways we are just one desire away from being on the wrong path.

(PRAYER) – “Lord Jesus I repent for all the times I sought after signs and wonders rather than seeking after You and Your heart. I repent also for 'wanting' in my own strength the things that please me, rather than 'needing' by wanting that which is best for me by Your works. I repent for allowing myself to be governed by spirits not of you, and ask that in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and by the covering of the blood of Christ over me, that you come against these enticing spirits and protect me from their lure by showing me when they are in operation. I repent for believing and accepting lying signs and wonders also. Replace in me, the need to see the wonder of your works, with a desire to be acceptable to do your works in your honour and glory. For you are the one and the only one that meets my needs Lord God! I command all spirits including the harlot and prostitute who tempt me to seek for the spectacular things of God from a fleshly desire to leave in the name of Jesus Christ. All lying signs and wonders I command You to leave immediately in the name of Jesus also”.

Rejecting the Gospel – *But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:16-17, NKJV).* The Israelites rejected the Gospel which prompted God to ‘save’ the Gentiles. As a result only a remnant of Israelites were left and the others were hardened. Today we can still reject the Gospel, even as Christians. The Gospel is the message of Christ in its entirety. It’s knowing it, believing it, and living by it. True peace comes when you believe the truth and apply the truth. It’s the truth that sets us free. Rejecting the Gospel can be when we don’t trust God in our circumstances, (the Word tells us to trust), when we still strive in our works to earn our salvation, when we reject the moral law of God and live in the flesh, and even when we have unbelief in God’s promises. Any unyielded areas that we are hanging on to is also rejection of the Gospel. Most of us when we first give our lives to Christ are quite ignorant; we don’t understand the fine print. We are babies and God understands this. To become a follower of Christ there is a cost. We need to relinquish our entire lives to Him in exchange for His life. Many of us can be rejecting the Gospel in ignorance because we don’t actually know what living for Christ actually means. You first need to understand the Gospel before you can truly accept the Gospel.

When we are first saved the Holy Spirit enters our human spirit and begins work on our soul/heart. An outworking process begins where the Holy Spirit tests our hearts, and our faith to see if this is what we truly want. It is separating the chaff from the wheat, which is separating the unbelieving believers from the true believers. The Holy Spirit cannot enter every part of our heart until we truly want Him in there. The

heart comprises our mind, will and emotions. We can only know this when we understand the true message of the Gospel. There are many things in our life that actually block God from entering all areas of our heart. God knows us better than we know ourselves so He is patient and kind and leads us to that place where we truly become one with Him. For each person it will be different. For some it can be a quick process, others a long one. Once He has entered our spirit sanctification of the soul begins, and at the end of that entire process I believe you will walk in the fullness of the glory of God. You will see by the following Scriptures a heart flowing with rivers of living water (the Holy Spirit) is a necessary part of every born again believer.

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:8-10, NKJV).

He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38, NKJV).

(PRAYER) – "I repent in the name of Jesus for rejecting the Gospel of Christ. The Gospel is the Word of God and about God becoming flesh to save all of mankind. The Gospel is about man-kind entering into a heart-felt relationship with the Living God, and allowing Him to change us through the outworking of the Holy Spirit. It is about living by the Moral Law of God because it is right, and stepping into the call of God on my life. It is about handing my life over to Christ in exchange for His life. Father God I understand the Gospel and declare I want You, Your life and all it has to offer. I invite You into my heart. Help me to continue to love the Gospel, fully understand the Gospel, preach the Gospel and live by the Gospel. In Jesus name, Amen".

True worship - What is True Worship? The dictionary of man defines worship as the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity. We as a church sing songs to God, pray, praise, exalt and thank God and call this worship - but is this what the Bible says worship is? The Bible uses the word worship in many different places using two Greek words (that I found) for the same word for worship. ***"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24, NKJV).*** The word worship here is translated as **proskuneo** which means *meaning to kiss, like a dog licking his master's hand); to kiss the hand to (towards) one, in token of reverence 2) among the Orientals, esp. the Persians, to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence 3) in the NT by kneeling or prostration to do homage (to one) or make obeisance, whether in order to express respect or to make supplication 3a) used of homage shown to men and beings of superior rank.* By this we see that worshipping in Spirit and truth is when we get to that place of total submission knowing who our master is. Literally getting on our knees and bowing to our creator is something I think we should all be doing. We need to actually get our hearts into the same place as our literal act - submit and trust that He is in control no matter what the

circumstances. Worshipping in Spirit and truth is when our self-will is willingly given over to God in total obedience. God gave us free will so we can make that choice - our will for His will. How many times in our walk do we dictate our terms and conditions to God? How many times are we deciding our way is better and we need God to do it our way? **This is false worship!** Are we every day on our knees bowing down in submission and total reverence to our creator and confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord? We need to truly get in that place and meditate on what He has actually done for us. He is a hugely superior being to man yet He humbled Himself and became a man and died a horrific death for us so we could be set free. He truly deserves to be worshipped in this way! He once told me that if there was only one human on the earth (me or you) He still would have come and died for that one person. When we are in that place of true worship it truly carries the most power because we are in that place of total submission. What can the enemy do when you are in that place with God?

The other place in the Bible that talks about worship but translated differently is **Acts 7:42 - Then God turned and gave them up to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the Prophets: 'Did you offer Me slaughtered animals and sacrifices during forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?').** Worship in this Scripture is translated in Greek as **Latreuo** and means *from latris (a hired menial); - serve, worship, do the service, worshipper 1) to serve for hire 2) to serve, minister to, either to the gods or men and used alike of slaves and freemen 2a) in the NT, to render religious service or homage, to worship 2b) to perform sacred services, to offer gifts, to worship God in the observance of the rites instituted for his worship 2b1) of priests, to officiate, to discharge the sacred office.* So this form of worship is being a servant for God. It is offering yourself to God for Him to use you for His service. **I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service (Romans 12:1, NKJV).** When we put our needs ahead of our purpose in God this is also false worship. **See: [Cup of Suffering](#)**

The third place I found worship translated differently again was **Psalms 66:4 - All the earth shall worship You, and sing praises to You; they shall sing praises to Your name".** The word worship here is **shachah** and is in Hebrew which means a *primitive root; worship, bow, bow down, obeisance, reverence, and fall down.* We see also that the Bible always mentions to 'Fear the Lord'. Fear in this sense means total reverence which is the highest form of respect. Do we really give God the respect He deserves or do we treat Him haphazardly at times moaning and groaning for what we don't have? What I found was that none of these translations of worship were even remotely close to what man does today in Church services through their form of worship. What we do in Churches is praise God, exalt God, thank God and show Him adoration. This in itself is great as the Bible tells us to offer our praises to God in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs but it is not what the Bible defines as true worship. We need to praise (as we are doing) but also worship (put our needs second to God's purpose and literally bow down on our knees in utter submission to our creator. This needs to be literal as well as physical. Since I found the true meaning of worship I have no problem with getting on my knees in total submission and confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord to the Glory of God the Father and telling

Him that He is my master and there is none greater - however I am still working on the actual submission thing - letting go totally of self-will and adopting Gods total will but with God's help I know that I will eventually get there. When you understand the true meaning of worship it certainly makes the following two Scriptures have a lot more meaning. ***But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up (James 4:6-10, NKJV).***

And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted (Matthew 23:12, NKJV). It is time to get back to true worship - to bow down before our creator in true humility whilst singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

I remember when I was once in a Church service as a brand new Christian spending time praising and singing to the Lord and asking God why He needed us to worship and exalt Him (as I found it all quite weird and egotistical on His part). His answer to me back then was that praise was a weapon that He had given to man. Praise for Him as our creator dismantles the enemy in our difficult circumstances enabling God to supply us with what we need. This really helped me to continue in it but recently God showed me that I had been at times entering into false praise. It is always about the motive! Initially I never wanted to worship and praise God in front of others as I found it embarrassing. Once I got over this I went the other way and went overboard so I could prove to others how much I loved God. God once asked me when I was worshipping Him if I worshipped Him because of His greatness or because I was hoping to receive something. I hate to admit it but there were many times I worshipped Him to receive from Him. The motive was wrong - I wanted something out of my praise and worship instead of simply doing it for Him. Using it to dismantle the enemy is fine as it is a weapon given to us for this but doing it to twist Gods arm - not so much! Using praise and worship for any other reason but a weapon against the enemy and showing Love and reverence to God is false praise and worship.

Another mistake I made was getting into a mind-set of only praising and worshipping God when I wanted to hear from Him. When I was first saved and filled with the Holy Spirit I learned that whenever I worshipped God and spent time with Him He would always talk to me. I became accustomed to hearing from God in this way, so I would frequently put on songs of worship and then sit in His presence and ask Him to talk to me. This worked well for me as this in itself is another form of worship – setting aside time to sit in His presence to hear from Him. When Mary sat at His feet to hear Him speak instead of running around like Martha this pleased Jesus greatly. The problem is however there is a balance. Sometimes we become hyper focused on one way which upsets the balance. Without realising I had stopped praising and worshipping Him simply because I loved Him instead praising and worshipping Him to activate His presence to hear from Him. For many years this method worked well for me but after a while I stopped hearing from the Lord in those times and kept

hearing from the enemy mimicking the Lord instead. How did I know it was the enemy? The words I received in this time were never confirmed or were slightly twisted and didn't line up with Scripture.

Not understanding and feeling grumpy that I was setting aside time to talk and listen to the Lord I was complaining to my Father in law how the enemy would talk to me in my God times instead of God and I was getting fed up with it. He asked me a question, "Do you hear these messages from the enemy when you are actively seeking to hear from God or just out of the blue?" I pondered and realised I was hearing from God more out of the blue, and hearing from the enemy when I was seeking God. My Father in law said "Maybe you should change tact and worship and praise God just for Him and not for wanting to hear from Him." I got off the phone and immediately the Lord spoke and this is what He said ***"You are not praising and worshipping Me for Me – you are praising and worshipping Me to hear from Me. You have developed a mind-set. True worship is about giving and not receiving. I am looking for those who worship in Spirit and truth – those who worship Me for Me and not for what they can get from Me. There is a time where I test your heart to see if you really love Me. Worship and praise weakens the enemy – when you worship Me from a place of love and adoration the enemy loses his foothold. Now is the time to worship Me like you have never worshipped before. When you put aside time to spend with Me I am always there. When you put aside time to spend with Me I will always put aside time to spend with you. When you expect something from Me be expectant as I died to give you an inheritance but this inheritance is released in My timing when I know you are ready to receive it. In your God walk there are times to seek, there are times to sit and rest and cease from all works, there are times to give and there are times to receive."*** I again went to the Scriptures and after reading what true worship was I realised that there has to be a balance of all things in God. I now set aside time to read the Bible, pray in tongues, help others, worship and praise just for Him, and other times simply seek Him and sit in His presence to receive and hear from Him.

Another form of worship is obedience to Gods commands. By hearing what He is saying to you and making changes accordingly this too becomes a part of the whole picture of worship. God is looking for those who worship in Spirit and truth. Worshipping in Spirit and truth as we have discerned is not just one thing – it is a multitude of many things each of which shows God our loyalty and desire to serve Him. He is looking for those who are willing and ready to make sacrifices to Him so He can use them for His purposes. Be willing, be obedient, be subservient and He will open up a whole new world for you.

(PRAYER) - "Heavenly Father in the name of Your son Jesus Christ I repent for offering You false praise and false worship. I repent for all false sacrifices and burnt offerings given from all those within my bloodline that was an offence to You. I am sorry for ever worshipping and praising You to get something from You instead of simply worshipping You because of Your greatness and to show You that I love You. Worship and praise is also a tool You have given to us when we are under attack and I repent for not using it in the correct context that it was given to me. Thank You

for this powerful tool - I would ask that You would remind me to use it when I need it. I am sorry for ever being too embarrassed to worship and praise You in front of others and for the times I did the complete opposite and deliberately over-worshipped and over-praised You to impress others. I am sorry for falling into man's idea of worshipping You which was actually not worship but praise. Teach me and help me to **praise** and **worship** You correctly. I repent for not showing You 100% reverence and respect instead moaning and groaning to You trying to teach You how things should be done."

(PROPHETIC ACT) - Get down on your knees, bow to the ground and pray: "I bow down and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. I humble myself before You Jesus Christ as a lowly servant and declare You as my Lord and master; there is no other. You are the potter and I am the clay. I submit myself to You in total reverence and awe for You to use me for Your good works and purposes. I exalt Your Holy name. Thank You that even though You are a superior being You humbled Yourself and became a man. You came to earth and died on a cross for me. **"As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God"** (Romans 14:11, NKJV).

Accepting Who God Really Is – Since I became a Christian I have heard so many people claim that God would not put suffering or sickness on anyone. They blame the devil for everything and claim that because God is good and loving He plays absolutely no part in this. The Bible tells us that God is good and that God is love. Human reasoning tells us that suffering is bad so it can't be from God because God is good. In one sense it is indeed correct that all suffering and sickness comes from the devil and His kingdom because God Himself and His Kingdom is clean and holy. Sickness and disease does not exist in or around God. Pondering this one day the Lord spoke and this is what He said, **"Who created light? God. Who created the dark? God. Who created evil? God. Who created calamity? God. Who created the law that determines what is right or wrong? God. Who pronounced the curse and the consequences on mankind when Adam and Eve sinned in the garden? God. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things (Isaiah 45:7, KJV). Who is going to destroy the world when Jesus returns and the new Heaven and the new earth come? God.**

What God was showing me was that He was in control of all things. In most cases we see that it is our sin that can cause an affliction. **Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting (Galatians 6:7-8, KJV).** Whatever we sow we will reap. God's law determines right from wrong so it is His law that determines what sin is. **"If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the LORD who heals you"** (Exodus 15:26, NKJV). It is His law that determines there are consequences for sin. He also brought me too many

Scriptures showing where He directly afflicted man by using the devil to do it. We see the case of the blind man (**John 9**) where the disciples ask Jesus whose sin caused the man's blindness, his own or his parents? Jesus answered neither, it was so the works of God could be made manifest. God Himself used the devil to afflict the man with blindness so Jesus could heal him and be glorified. The story of Job shows us that God issued a challenge to satan to test Job's loyalty towards God. The devil was allowed to do anything except take his life.' In this case the devil caused the afflictions but God was still in control and satan could only do what God allowed. We see also how God gave Paul a thorn in his flesh to buffet him lest he become proud (**2 Corinthians 12**). God once gave my husband a vision on this topic and this is what he saw: - There was a paddock with sheep inside. The sheep were all over the place and needed sorting out. The Shepherd came and released two dogs into the paddock to round them up. The sheep were us, the dogs were the devil (and his demons) and the Shepherd was God. In this scenario God Himself released the dogs. Although His own hands didn't do the actual chastising it was His command and order that released the demons who did. *So we see by the above examples that God is in control and can use the devil to afflict us with sickness, trials and suffering. The New Testament also tells us that the Lord chastises those whom He loves. **For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth (Hebrews 12:6, KJV).** The word chasteneth in Greek is **Paideuo** and means to instruct, teach and train. 2) To chasten by the affliction of evils and calamities. The word Scourgeth in Hebrew is **Showt** and **Mastigoo** in Greek and means to whip or chastise. For born again believers this Scripture is telling us that God trains us by affliction of evils and calamities to whip us into shape! **If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? (Hebrews 12:7, KJV).***

*In regard to Pauls Thorn we see in the following Scripture the thorn is infirmities. **And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me (2 Corinthians 12:9, KJV).** The word infirmities in Greek is **Astheneia** and means 1) want of strength, weakness, infirmity 1a) of the body 1a1) its native weakness and frailty 1a2) feebleness of health or sickness 1b) of the soul 1b1) want of strength and capacity requisite 1b1a) to understand a thing 1b1b) to do things great and glorious*

1b1c) to restrain corrupt desires 1b1d) to bear trials and troubles. So we see by the description the thorn that was given by God to Paul represents all the things that Christians can be afflicted with including sickness in the physical body. These things are to refine us and also so Christ can be glorified through the removal of them. God didn't give Paul this thorn to punish Him or because He is mean. He gave Paul the thorn to protect Paul from himself. The thorn was to keep him in check 'lest he become proud'. Pride is one of the biggest things that can ruin an anointed Ministry. Pride becomes all about us and what we can do, instead of about Christ and what He is doing through us. Pride can steal God's glory for himself. In **Job 1:21** Job makes the statement that God giveth and God taketh away. Part of this is that God gives us the affliction in the first place but always for a purpose then once we have suffered a while and learned what we need to, He takes it away. **But after ye have**

suffered a while, may the God of all grace, who hath called us into His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you (1 Peter 5:10, KJV). The problem with learning the truth that God gives us or allows suffering means that we see God in a whole new light. The description of this God sounds bad. We like the warm and cosy description of God where He is loving and caring and will cause us no harm. If this is the true God do we really want to follow someone like this? By determining in our own mind what we want God to be and not allowing our self to see the real God and accepting Him as He is can actually be a hindrance to your walk with God. It creates a problem because the first and greatest commandment spoken by Jesus is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind (**Matthew 22:37**). If we aren't accepting all of God in His entirety of who He really is and still loving Him in this, then we are not fulfilling this commandment. When we learn the truth about God and do not like what we see, we then need to look beyond the surface and understand why He does what He does. We need to ask Him to show us His heart so we can see His true heart in all of this, and the big picture He is outworking. The last thing we want to happen is to see God in such a bad light that we no longer see Him as good. Many people who do not know Him or His heart do not understand how much He is for us. I have heard many non-believers ask me why I would want to serve such a nasty God. Their understanding of Him is wrong. The biggest thing we need to remember is His sacrifice for us and the horrific death He suffered for us. Many people see the cruel things that He allows in this world knowing full well He could stop them and focus on this. They blame God for inflicting all this pain on mankind because it is His law of right and wrong that dictates the consequences of sin. The problem is, that because His standards are so high, He has tied His own hands with His own set of standards of what He views as right and wrong, so cannot let sin slide. Was this a mistake? Did He set His standards too high? Absolutely not. His law is good and right. Even though He knows we cannot keep His law of righteousness, He knew He could. So what did He do? He became a man known as Jesus Christ and suffered the most horrific things including death so that we could be covered in His righteousness when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, and believe that only through Him we can be saved. God as Jesus the Son gives us a place in Heaven with Him even though we fall short of His standards simply by believing in Him. He did this because He loves us so much. Not only did He achieve His own standards of righteousness but He stood in our place and took the punishment for sin and removed the curse of the law for us so that we no longer have to earn our salvation, or keep the law to please God. This shows us the true heart of God.

In regard to the things we suffer (as we are refined to become more like Him) God truly is a good God and only does what He has to do for the greater good. I have had the privilege first hand of God showing His true self to me. He has shown me His true heart and who He really is. Everything He does is for a really good reason. Every single thing that can be bad and painful can be used for 'good' (**Romans 8:28**). God loves us but hates our sin. He needs to destroy sin and maintain 'us' in the process. I have felt and seen God's grief when we are hurting. I once had a friend whom I was preaching to about the Gospel of the Good News and she said to me "I don't need God because my life is good and I am happy". I was astonished at her answer but God soon showed me that her attitude is the attitude of many. Many

humans don't want to give God the time of day until tragedy or disaster strikes and they need Him. Is it any wonder why there are so many disasters and tragedies?

God doesn't want anyone to suffer, nor does He want people to only seek Him out when they are desperate but for Him this is sometimes the only means to get their attention. He wants to have a relationship with us all of the time, in the good and the bad, and pour His love over us constantly. Like any loving Father He wants the best for us. As humans we are so fallen that we cannot adhere to His law of right and wrong no matter how hard we try. The wages of sin is death. He wanted no one to suffer eternal death which is why He sent Jesus (Himself in the flesh) to save us. The devil has blinded the eyes of many. They no longer believe in God. They don't believe the Good News of Christ. He has to use us, His children (the believers) to show them the way. ***And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death (Revelation 12:11, KJV).*** We can bring people to Christ through our testimony. If we have nothing to testify about how can we show others the way? God uses our afflictions so the works of God can be made manifest. God's heart is to save everyone. Not just you, not just me, but all of mankind. How can He show those whose hearts are blinded from the truth unless He shows them through us? Our whole purpose in God is to glorify Jesus. Why is it so important to glorify Jesus? Because only through Jesus can you be saved. The whole message about Christ, our whole purpose in God is to save souls. Christ became a living sacrifice. He laid down His life for our sake. Part of our Christian walk is partaking of His suffering before we can be glorified together with Him. ***And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together (Romans 8:17, KJV).*** Walking in the glory is walking in wholeness, and He wants for all of His children to experience this.

God will also test our hearts to see if He can trust us with bigger things. He needs to trust us with His power and glory so will need to refine us to receive more of it. The trials I have gone through with God have been very very tough. Even throughout the worst of them God needed me to believe that He is still good. You see we do not see the big picture which is good, we only see the negative circumstances that we are facing in that instant which to us feels really bad. God requires us to love Him unconditionally and trust that He is good. The Bible says to praise Him in all things - this means good and bad circumstances. We need to come to a place in our walk where we simply accept that God is God and doesn't do things the way we do. What is good, and what is bad? Only God can determine what is deemed good and bad, right or wrong! Who are we to judge and label things good or bad, right or wrong? He sees things completely different to us. His methods are incredibly unconventional and go directly against human logic and thinking. In fact in my God walk I have seen that the ways of the Spirit are directly opposite to the ways of the flesh. Just because it looks bad to us, it may actually be very good to God. What appears awful to us, may, in fact, be perfectly necessary to God, for whatever reasons. When we refuse to believe God played any part in our suffering blaming it all instead onto the devil we are actually giving Gods glory to the devil. What God intended for glory, we decided was bad and didn't give God the Glory that was deserved because what He saw as good we saw as bad? We need to praise God for all things and ask Him to

use what we have learned to bless others. We may even need to forgive God for the suffering He is allowing to come our way then repent for our belief that He is not good! Trusting God is believing He is good all the time and that He is for us and not against us and that everything He allows is for a purpose and that purpose is good. God never promised that bad things would not happen to us, but He did promise that He would deliver us out of them all. ***Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all (Psalm 34:19, KJV).***
Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it (Hebrews 12:11, NKJV).

What about the times when the suffering is horrific? God promises to never give us more than we can bear. A huge point I would like to make through this is that God also showed me that not all suffering is orchestrated by Him. The word orchestrate means control or manipulate. There is always a balance in the things of God. Some suffering we go through is orchestrated by evil and God plays no part in this whatsoever. Although He is in control of all things and allows things to happen it is not part of His will for us in these circumstances. If you are suffering in a trial to this degree then of course satan is at the root of it, and it is an outright attack against you. There is a legal right that satan has over you to keep you suffering unnecessarily. God is very grieved in these times. During these times we need to keep our eyes on Jesus and seek Him for the keys. It may be that God is already speaking to us showing us the way out and we are not listening or recognising Him. Although God uses discipline and allows suffering to perfect us He does not want us suffering without a good cause or purpose, or above what we can bear. If we are blaming Him and holding Him accountable in these times this could also be a reason for why we are not able to receive the keys that we need for freedom.

God once told me to trust Him. I found that so hard knowing the Bible promises suffering and that God uses suffering to perfect us into a Christ-like creation. I was more scared of the suffering than the good outcome that would arise from it. I found it hard to let go and fully step into what God had because I wanted Him to promise that He would protect from every bad thing and of course that was a false reality and putting conditions on God. During this God did one day envelope me with His presence and tell me that He would never hurt me. This was a wonderful revelation for me. The word hurt is Hebrew is **šēḇar** and means break, fracture, breach, crush, crash, ruin, shattering and destroy. God promises to His children that He will never do any of those things to us. He is good and He loves us.

I want to finish with the point that I absolutely believe that the ultimate will of God is to bless us with wholeness, health and blessings. The word 'will' in Greek is **Thelema** and means desire, what one wishes or has determined shall be done. I also believe hurting is not Gods will (desire) for us. What parent would want that for their children? The will (desire) of God is also that each and every one of us is sanctified into the likeness of Christ. This requires training, teaching and suffering as we are crucified with Christ. Dying to self is hard. God will use these things to bring about a purpose and as much as this is awful, it is His ways. The good news is though, that Christ gives us keys through His Holy Spirit on how to endure this process and on how to receive the blessings that are God's ultimate will for us.

(PRAYER) - "I repent Father God for refusing to see the real You because I didn't like what I saw. You are a good God and I understand that You use suffering for good. I choose to love You and accept You unconditionally even when I do not understand You or Your ways. I repent for presuming to know and dictate to You what is good or bad, and right or wrong - In this I have uttered what I did not understand. I am sorry that there were things that were intended for Your glory and I instead glorified the devil giving credit to Him for what You brought upon me that was intended for good. I repent for unforgiveness toward You on behalf of any suffering I have faced. I repent also for blaming You and fighting You in my trials and circumstances when they were not orchestrated by You. I forgive You for allowing me to suffer and I pray that You would use my suffering and all I have learned for good. If there is any suffering I am facing that is not being used for Your glory then I pray that you would take this cup from me. If you have been showing me the keys and the way to my freedom and I have not heard You, or been listening I repent and ask for You to show me again."

Prophetic Act - (Pray on your knees): "I praise You and bless You Father, Son and Holy Spirit and declare that You are good. I pray blessed be the name of the Lord".

Acceptable or an Abomination? – What are the things that are acceptable to God? Are these things the same as what is acceptable to man? The devil can sugar coat many things which can then appear acceptable in our own eyes but are not acceptable in Gods. The world has become corrupt and has been like it for so long that it almost seems normal. Things that should grieve us no longer do – instead we just accept them. I don't believe God just gets immune to them and is no longer grieved by them. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. We need to ask Him to give us His eyes so we can see the corruption and filth just as He does. We as Christians don't want to become mediocre and accept things, even partaking of them just because the world does.

(PRAYER) – "Father God in Jesus name I repent that I have not been grieved or repelled by the things that grieve you. There are things I have just accepted and rated them as being acceptable when they are not. What is acceptable in Your sight is clearly not the same as my sight or how the world sees things. I ask that You would show Me clearly what grieves and repulses You, and then put that same loathing on Me so I can see the worlds abominations in the same way that You do. Show me the lawlessness and works of the devil so I no longer accept them as okay. Society has numbed us Lord and made things seem acceptable when they are in fact an abomination. Give me Your eyes, and give Me Your heart Lord to know and see what is acceptable and what is an abomination in Your sight, Amen!"

Fear of the Unknown – God once spoke this to me:- *"It is the fear of the unknown that frightens you the most My daughter. If you knew what I knew you wouldn't be afraid. You believe that what you fear most may come upon you. Repent for fearing the unknown instead of resting and trusting in Me. If you trusted Me you could step into a deep dark chasm with no fear. The enemy*

has been playing you, now it is time to play the enemy. Your greatest weakness is fear. My strength into your fear will be My Glory. Facing your fears with no fear will be My Glory. This is what I am achieving in you. Your healing will be a supernatural removal of fear. I will give you eyes to see and ears to hear”.

(PRAYER) – “I repent for fear of the unknown instead of resting and trusting in You. I pray that the eyes of my understanding be enlightened in Jesus name. I pray that I will have eyes to see and ears to hear. Thank you Jesus, Amen”.

Conditions on God – How often do we put conditions on God? How often have we said “If you do this for me God then I will do such and such for you?” I was apparently doing this a lot and not being aware of it until God showed me. We at times get so desperate for God to help us that we start putting our conditions on Him believing it is okay. As I was ministering over the last four years instead of getting my healings as God had promised I was getting more and more ailments until I got to the point where I really struggled to keep going. I kept asking God if I should have a break from Ministry so I could recuperate. The answer was always the same “No, trust Me and I will heal you”. Each year went by with no healing and me getting worse. I lost so much faith and had so much doubt during this time. I eventually came to a place where I said to God that He just had to heal me otherwise I couldn’t do it anymore. I wasn’t using manipulation and control, it was a fact - I literally believed I couldn’t do it anymore. My favourite prayer to Him was “If you heal Me God then I can do so much more for You”.

One day whilst feeling so unwell and so over it I knew I had so much unbelief so I asked God to do something to make me believe again. I really needed Him to manifest Himself in such a way that I could believe again because if I had lost my belief in Him then I was not going to be any use to anyone else. Not long after this I heard the Father speak to Me and this is what I believe He said: - ***“As far as the East is from the West and the South is from the North this is how far away I am from you. This is a vast distance. Your unbelief put me there. How can I answer your prayers when I am so far from you? For me to answer your prayers and manifest My presence in your life I need to be close. Holding God at arm’s length – this is where you put conditions on God such as ‘If you do this then I will do that’. If you love Me then you need to love Me unconditionally. You need to trust that I am good even when you can’t see it. I know you have waited a long time for My promise of healing – so have others. It is all part of the big picture I have laid out for you. You cannot ask Me to do something to make you believe again. You once believed, why has this changed? Because you are fed up with waiting. Waiting brings doubt and doubt manifests into unbelief. My power cannot cut through unbelief. And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief (Matthew 13:58, KJV). Unbelief is a stronghold – once there it becomes impossible to shift on one’s own. Putting conditions on God to remove the unbelief does not work for Me. You cannot tell Me what to do. So how can you believe again, especially when your unbelief puts Me far from you? Repent! Pull me back in, ask Me to become close to you again. Don’t tell Me to do something to remove***

your unbelief – simply repent for your unbelief and for putting conditions on Me so I can do for you what you need Me to do. Where there is unbelief I cannot do miracles there. You need to be close to Me to hear Me. When I speak to you and you obey My commands that is when I manifest My power. Listening, hearing and obedience to the Lord Your God is the key.”

(PRAYER) – “I repent Father God for all the times I have put conditions on You, I repent for using conditions as a promise to serve You. I will serve You simply because I love You and want to do the will of God. I repent for my unbelief. If You have spoken to me and I have not discerned You, or if I have disobeyed You I am sorry. I pray to You Father/Son and Holy Spirit and ask You to come close to Me so I can hear You and hear Your commands so I can obey You. In the name of Jesus Christ I command doubt, confusion and unbelief to leave immediately.”

Relationship with the Godhead - There is much controversy concerning the nature of the Godhead. Is God a singular person—simply described in three forms, as in One God who simply does three roles? Or do three distinct **persons** exist within the one person, each of whom possesses the nature of deity? Though the word “Trinity” is not found in the Bible, the teaching that there are three persons of divine nature (known as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) Who are one God is backed up by Scriptures in the Holy Bible. ***For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. (1 John 5:7, NKJV).*** The Word of course is Jesus. ***Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness (Genesis 1:26, NKJV).*** Note how God is referring to Himself in this Scripture as ‘us’ and ‘our’. This indicates there is more than one personal form of God.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (John 1:1, NKJV). And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14, NKJV). These Scriptures clearly show us that there are three distinct persons in one - each with different roles. Someone once gave me a beautiful analogy of how God can be three forms of Himself yet still be the same. Picture a jug of water – pour some of this water into ice cubes and freeze them. We have the same water still remaining in the jug and in the ice cubes which have now become ice. Boil the remaining jug of water and watch the steam come out the top. The steam is another form of the original water which is still in the jug and remains the same! Scripture also shows us that God is on the Throne, Jesus at His right hand whilst the Holy Spirit is in us (the believers). This of course is happening **all** at the same time.

If God is three persons in one then does that mean God wants us to have a personal relationship with all 3 forms of Himself? My answer to this is ‘I believe so’. The Holy Spirit showed me that His children are not entering into true worship because they are forgetting the God Head and not worshipping the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in their entirety. There are those who are concentrating their worship and devotion on God the Father only, others who are focussing their attention on Jesus the Son only

and then yet another group who are focussing and worshipping the Holy Spirit only and forsaking Jesus and Father God. Others may be concentrating only on two members of the God Head whilst forsaking the third. The God Head is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Godhead must never be separated for to separate means to pull apart and also to be not joined. To claim they are independent from one another is also incorrect as independent means free from the influence, guidance, or control of another or others. They are also not individual as individual means single, particular, separate. The three forms of God are three distinct persons in one but they are not separate. The word distinctive according to Meriam-Webster Dictionary means having a quality or characteristic that makes a person or thing different from others: different in a way that is easy to notice. The three forms of God are noticeably different but they possess the same nature and personality. If you picture my husband who is a father, and a husband and the owner of a company you will see that he has three roles but still the same person. How he would interact with any staff is different to how he would interact with me his wife and his children as their father. Some people may say I am going to put on my husband hat today, then later on take-off this hat and put on their father hat. God is so absolutely awesome that He doesn't need to take off or put on different hats - He just manifested Himself as those 3 forms of Himself all at once instead! Each form has a different role for us in our lives so each form I believe needs to have a personal relationship with us.

The **Father** Who is the creator of Heaven and Earth, Man and all living creatures. ***Yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live (1 Corinthians 8:6, NKJV).*** The Father is Love and loves us unconditionally and wants to bestow blessings and gifts upon us. The Father wants us to honour and respect Him and will chastise us when we do wrong. *(In Ministry I note that many people find it hard to identify with and get close to the Father because of their own relationship with their earthly father which may have been strained. Hence it shows me the significance and importance of having a personal relationship with the Father member of the Godhead. Many wounds need to be healed before this can happen.)*

The **Son** (Jesus) Who is our Saviour and Who is God in the flesh Who was sent to save mankind by taking on the sin of man and defeating satan at the Cross of Calvary. It is only through using this name that we can cast out demons and have authority over them. We cannot get to the Father without first having a relationship and belief in Jesus. It is through Jesus that we are reconciled back to the Father. Interestingly there is also a Scripture that shows that Jesus Who is the one true God is also the creator. ***All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made (John 1:3, KJV).***

The **Holy Spirit** is the Spirit of God and is mentioned in Genesis when God created the Heavens and the Earth. ***In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life (John 6:63, NKJV).*** The Holy Spirit was sent by God after the death and resurrection of Jesus as another helper for mankind. ***But***

the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you (John 14:26, NKJV). The following Scripture spoken by Paul also shows clearly three distinct facets of the God Head. ***The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all (2 Corinthians 13:14, NKJV).*** The Holy Spirit is here to convict, guide, teach, comfort, encourage and exhort. The Holy Spirit will always glorify and lead you toward Jesus. Another one of His functions is to reveal truth. ***(John 13:16)*** and produce fruit in us ***(Galatians 5:22-23)***, as well as give us gifts ***(1 Corinthians 12)*** to function as the Body of Christ on earth. He even intercedes for us by giving us the gift of tongues when we don't know what to pray. Many people ignore the Holy Spirit and deny His role as God within our lives. ***Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come (Matthew 12:32, NKJV).***

Satan is the great counterfeiter and will try and counterfeit everything God does. There is a false God, a false Jesus and a false Holy Spirit whose role is to deceive. ***Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons (1 Timothy 4:1, NKJV).*** Too much emphasis on one or even two members of the God Head whilst denying the others can open you up to these demonic spirits. Not knowing all members of the God Head personally and not understanding their roles in our lives can allow us to be deceived and accept these false spirits in. Not worshipping and thanking God in His entirety can open us up to being lead and guided by these false deities. As you can imagine this could turn out to be disastrous. I once ministered to a lady who referred to her God as Lord, turns out it was the Lord of the flies (Beelzebub) that she was allowing to guide her because she didn't know or believe in Jesus. Imagine the consequences also if we are denying or under emphasising the Holy Spirit in our lives. I shudder to think who may be the one we hear prompting, teaching or guiding us! If we fail to love, honour and worship God as our Father it could provide a love deficit within our lives because God is Love. ***Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love (1 John 4:8, NKJV).***

There are many today who are denying the Holy Spirit as another distinct person of the Godhead. The belief is that He is the Spirit of God within the Father and the Spirit of God within Jesus the Son and not His own person. One argument they have is that there is nowhere in Scripture where one prayed, worshipped or praised the Holy Spirit. I believe this is incorrect as God is spirit. Anywhere in Scripture where one prayed, praised or worshipped God this was also in reference to the Holy Spirit Who 'is' the spirit of God. Scripture has already identified that Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three in one. Any reference to God, or Lord can mean any one of the three. Sometimes however Scripture identifies the identity of the Godhead in order to show the different role from each member. ***Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:20, KJV).*** Note this Scripture spoken by Paul is identifying God and the Father. Does he simply mean God 'the' Father? If so why does he say 'God and the Father'? God in this respect I believe is the Holy Spirit of God Who has a different role from

the Father and of course Jesus the Son. ***But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.***” (John 4:23-24, NKJV). Could worshipping in Spirit and truth mean knowing Him in His fullness and having a relationship with all 3 persons of the Godhead? Scripture also clearly shows us that there are times when all three are mentioned together. ***When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”*** (Matthew 3:16-17, NKJV). The Holy Spirit is also referred to as the breath of God. ***And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit*** (John 20:22, NKJV). For the Holy Spirit to be the breath of God then surely God Himself had to be in an actual form to breathe out the Holy Spirit. What form then is God the Father? Scripture seems to suggest that He is fire. ***For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God*** (Deuteronomy 4:24, NKJV). Did Moses not see God as a fire in the bush! Is this why Jesus comes to baptise in Spirit and Fire? ***John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire”*** (Luke 3:16, NKJV). The fire I believe refers to the Glory of God. My belief is that when we first believe in the Son we are baptised with the Holy Spirit who leads us and guides us into all truth through repentance, forgiveness and prayer. The fire then tests us and refines us before we receive the second baptism which is the anointing and power that Jesus walked in. We then receive the fullness and the Glory of the Father when we allow the Holy Spirit of God to remove the old man and put on the new. In other words when we have died to self and are resurrected into the likeness of Christ. This is a process and all three members of the Godhead each play a part.

Worshipping God is worshipping Him in His entirety. This includes all aspects of God. His entirety is His fullness which encompasses one God in the form of three roles. We should be acknowledging and worshipping and thanking all three for their different roles in regard to mankind. There is more than one aspect and role of God to us. Why would God be a three part being if He didn't want us to know each part of Himself in each form – enabling us to understand what the role of each one is in our lives? All too often we see songs in Churches devoted to Jesus only. Where are the songs of worship, praise and thanksgiving toward the Father and the Holy Spirit and their roles in our lives too? What I find interesting is that all three members of the Godhead tell us to worship the other. God the Father wants every tongue to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the Glory of God the Father (**Philippians 2:10-11**). The Holy Spirit leads us to the Son and teaches us about the son (**John 15:26**). Jesus tells us (and even satan) to worship the Lord thy God (**Luke 4:8**) and direct our prayers to the Father (**Matthew 6:9-13**). In other places Jesus says to us to pray to Him directly. Paul states that the headship over Jesus is His Father God. ***But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God*** (1 Corinthians 11:3). Jesus only ever did what the Father told Him to do which shows us that although Jesus was

God in the flesh He communicated with Father God and let Himself be lead and guided by God through the Holy Spirit within Him. The role of Jesus was great and almost too amazing to comprehend and the Bible is full of Scriptures that tell us to worship and praise Him which is what we are meant to do but the Bible also says to worship God the Creator and worship Him purely for His greatness and His Holiness. We need to take a leaf out of the angel's book and worship God in the same way they did. ***The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" (Revelation 4:8, NKJV).*** In this they are clearly stating that God is Holy. God is Spirit and is Holy hence they are worshipping the Holy Spirit of God. Their reference of God being 'Who was and is and is to come' is clearly referring to Jesus 'Who was' meaning He has always existed and was on earth, and to Him 'Who is' meaning He is still in existence and currently at the right hand of the Father and in believers as the Holy Spirit, and 'is to come' meaning the second coming of Christ.

This one statement of praise is worshipping and acknowledging all members of the Godhead. Another concern amongst the Christian Church is 'Who do we pray to'? Scriptures show us that we can pray to any of the three for they are all 'God'. If however you want to be politically correct then a prayer in this form would be good: - ***"Father God through Jesus Christ and by Your Holy Spirit I pray"*** My honest belief though is that God will hear you no matter what you refer to Him as whether it be 'Lord', 'God', 'Father', 'Daddy', 'Jesus' because He knows your heart and He loves you. The main thing is that you believe in the work of Jesus Christ on the cross and that you believe that Jesus is the one true God and He is living in your heart. Another reason why I believe God wants us to have a personal relationship with all 3 forms of Himself is that people in the Old and New Testament had encounters with different forms of Him – never just one form for all. Abraham knew the Spirit and Creator God, God speaks through Moses and refers to Himself as the 'Father' of Israel when He is asking Pharaoh to release the Israelites (**Exodus 4:22-23**), the Disciples knew Jesus as the Son of God, Paul met Jesus the Son and received the Holy Spirit and was taught to teach about Jesus and impart the Holy Spirit. Today we have the full news of the Gospel, we see the big picture which enables us to see and have a relationship with all three.

How then do we accomplish this? We begin by asking the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to reveal themselves to us in a personal way. We can simply sit and invite a manifestation of their Holy presence. We can offer thanksgiving and praise (**Psalms 100**). We can sing songs of worship. We can offer up to God ourselves - we put ourselves on the altar of God. The Scriptures show us that God requires an offering of sacrifice. ***I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service (Romans 12:1, NKJV).***

You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:5, NKJV). We need to get back to the simplicity of the Scriptures and do what they show us to do. The Word of God is Jesus and Jesus is clearly showing us that God is three in one. Worshipping God in this manner enables us to

be protected and loved by all members of the Godhead so their roles in our lives can be fulfilled and we can be all that God has called us to be. There is no jealousy, contention, or inequality amongst them. They are all clearly in complete unity and complement one another. Identifying and getting to know each one in their three part form and knowing the role each part of the Godhead has with us can help us to grow in our relationship with the one true God, Who of course is our creator, our Saviour, our protector and our Spiritual guide and is Jesus Christ.

(PRAYER) – “Father God in the name of Jesus Christ Your Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit I pray that You would manifest personally each form of Yourself to me in Your way and in Your timing. Protect me from counterfeit spirits who claim to be You – whether that be in the form of the Father, the Son or the Holy Spirit. I am sorry if I have misunderstood the Godhead and worshipped only one of You whilst denying the others. I am sorry if I have ever separated You from the others into separate people when You are one. I command every demonic spirit who poses as the Father, or the Son, or the Holy Spirit to leave immediately in the name and power of Jesus Christ. I praise and worship You God as the Father, as the Son and as the Holy Spirit, and as the creator of us and this universe. I thank You for your different roles to enable me to become more Christ-like. I thank You God as my Father that You love me and want to bless me. I thank You God as Jesus that You took my sins and died for me and are the Saviour of mankind. Thank You that You came to save me and those of my household. Thank You God as the Holy Spirit that You are in me, that You came to guide me and lead me into all truth. I come boldly to Your throne of Grace to seek Your grace and mercy. I offer to You myself as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. I am thankful to You and bless Your name for the LORD is good. I join the angels of Heaven Lord God and declare ‘Holy Holy Holy is the Lord God almighty Who was, and is, and is to come’. *Repeat this last declaration as many times as you feel to then sit and wait in His presence for Him to manifest Himself to you!*

Striving versus Complacency – The Holy Spirit was always telling me to stop striving in my own works to please God. Many other people would preach the same thing. In my own understanding I then adopted the conclusion that it didn’t matter too much if I wasn’t keeping the moral law of God in **all** things because He would change me into a Christ - like creation and eventually it would all work out. Many other people adopt this mind-set also. I knew what sin was and avoided it the best I could but in the ‘what I deemed minor details’ I would let slide from time to time. One day I read a book and the author was talking about complacent Christians which she termed as Christians who weren’t diligently trying to avoid **all** forms of sin. Most of us are good at the big ones such as murder, stealing, adultery, etc. but the other things such as gossiping, unforgiveness, anger, resentment, occult acts (yoga, chiropractors etc.), offence etc. we can tend to let slide in the belief that they’re not that bad. Throughout my reading I saw that all sin is sin and all sin leads to negative consequences. Gosh now I was back to square one again, I was going to have to try harder to avoid the hooks of the devil and again resist my flesh in everything. I felt deflated because to be that good is just so hard.

I sought God to gain a clearer understanding and this is what I got: - ***“The road to God is narrow. On one hand I am telling you not to strive in your own strength to please Me. On the other I am showing you that sitting back and waiting for Me to do it is also wrong. Many in the Church have developed a nonchalant attitude. The belief is that God will do it and not to strive. Sinning in all forms grieves the Holy Spirit of God. Part of the yielding process is to actively make decisions that show you want to become a vessel of honour. There must always be a halfway meeting between man and God. Purge yourself, cleanse yourself to honour God in your actions. If you are struggling and want to do the right thing God will always help you, He will never leave you to go it alone. It is not about you doing it, it is not about God doing it for you, it is about teamwork. In regard to striving there is a difference between good striving and bad striving, which is the motivation behind the intent. There should be no motivation of self-gain behind your actions. Worshipping God and honouring God, as well as loving others should be the factors behind the motivation. Resisting the devil to avoid affliction in your flesh is another. Wanting to please God because you love Him should however be the ultimate factor behind the striving.”*** (In my case I was striving to please God so He would be pleased with me. The motive was the fact that I wanted Him to be pleased so I could be rewarded). ***“What is lacking in My children is the reverence/adoration they should have toward their Creator. Honouring God should be the first and foremost thing that man/women should have for Me. Very few of My children truly honour Me. The honour and sanctity of the relationship between man and God is gone. The adoration Adam and Eve had for Me was changed when judgement came into the garden. I have become a person who instead of being cherished and revered is nothing more than one Who can help you in your time of need.”*** (I knew what He spoke in my case was true. I loved God but I didn’t have a reverence for Him that motivated me to do the right thing. I asked Him how I could have Holy reverence for someone I had never met. This was His reply: - ***“Jesus came to reconcile man and God back together. Jesus tore the veil so you can meet with Me. You need to have a face to face encounter with the living God that is so profound that you will be able to worship Me from your heart with a genuine reverence toward Me. I want to display My glory in your life. Ask Me to give you a face to face encounter with the Living God, it really is that simple!”***

(PRAYER) – “Father, Son and Holy Spirit I repent that I do not have genuine reverence, respect and adoration for You. I repent that my motivation in the things that I do was for self-gain and not for honouring You. You should always come first in my life but there are times when you are not. I am sorry for this. I speak now to God the creator of the world, Who is Jesus Christ that came in the flesh and is living in Me and ask that You would give me a personal face to face encounter with You. I ask that You would display Your glory so I can look upon You and worship You for your holiness and awesomeness. Thank you, Amen.”

Are Tattoo’s Forbidden By God? I was recently on Facebook when a post came up on my feed. It asked the question, ‘Does The Bible Forbid Tattoos’ and

included an article from a Bible professor who claimed that tattoos were not forbidden and that the only marks forbidden were that of scarification. The scripture quoted for this was **Leviticus 19:28 (KJV) - Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD.** The purpose of scarification I learned is a permanent form of body modification that affects the texture of the skin by cutting through layers to purposefully create a scar. Did the word 'print any marks' in this passage mean scarification? The word marks in Hebrew according to Strongs is **Qa`aqa`** and means incision, imprint, tattoo. This Scripture then was clearly referring to more than just cutting and scarification – it was also forbidding tattoos that are inked or imprinted on your skin. Tattoos are not done to produce a scar - most would try to avoid any scarring. My understanding of the above Scripture also is that the cuttings that the people did was in regard to mourning the dead.

I scrolled through the replies and came across a lady who wrote that she had tattoos including Scriptures tattooed over various parts of her body and that God had told her He was fine with it as she was now under grace. I had always believed that God was not fine with tattoos, and although the Leviticus Scripture was in the Old Testament and we are under Grace, why do something that clearly grieves God. My understanding of the Old Covenant versus the New Covenant is that we are saved through believing in Jesus and have our home in Heaven because of Jesus and what He did for us, but when we walk according to the flesh we reap corruption in our physical bodies and lives whilst we are still on earth. I replied to this lady with my thoughts and gave her a deliverance prayer as I believed anything ungodly comes with consequences. I have seen first-hand the damage demonic spirits can do from such practices, including inheriting ungodly soul ties with the person who did them. This reply of mine did not go down to well with the lady I was messaging and after exchanging our thoughts and beliefs and not coming to a common ground we agreed to disagree.

A week or so later the feed appeared again, and I saw our discussion and a new comment had been added and someone had posted two Scriptures that I had not seen before. **Isaiah 44:5 KJV- One shall say, I am the Lord's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another "shall subscribe" with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel.** The word 'shall subscribe' in Hebrew is **Kâthab** meaning to grave, by implication, to write (describe, inscribe, prescribe, subscribe); describe, record, prescribe, subscribe, write.

Isaiah 49:16 KJV- Behold, "I have graven thee" upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me. Graven thee is **Chaqaq** meaning to cut in; to cut in or on, cut upon, engrave, inscribe; to trace, mark out; to engrave, inscribe (of a law).

I learned that in Isaiah's day it was common practice to tattoo or inscribe the name of your God on to your right hand. It appears that when you put the Leviticus Scripture and the Isaiah ones together it tells a whole new story. God forbids all tattoos that worship other gods, people, animals etc., but does not forbid a tattoo that is tattooed

on the right hand and worships Him and His name. This was fascinating to me so I messaged the original lady with my findings.

I now believe that people need to repent for the tattoos that symbolise or worship other gods. This also includes innocent tattoo's that represent creation, other people etc, rather than our creator. In other words, it is all tattoos except that which are on the right hand and represent Jesus Who is the one true God. Many tattoos may even have demonic spirits attached to them that need to be cast out.

I need to also make a note that although a tattoo on the right hand with the name of Jesus as Your God is not a sin, I do not encourage this to be done. It is not a requirement nor is God asking you to do this. It is far better to let your light so shine before men and to let them know you by your fruits.

After doing this study another thought struck me when thinking about the book of revelation and the mention of the mark of the beast being on the right hand or forehead. In regard to what I learned I now believe the mark may be a tattoo or inscription rather than a microchip (as many believe) that has the name of the beast embedded within it paying homage to the beast. The symbolisation of the right hand going back to the Old Testament where people would tattoo or inscribe the name of God (Yahweh) surely cannot be coincidental?

(PRAYER) – “Father God in Jesus name I repent for any tattoo that I have received that is not on my right hand paying homage to You. I break every ungodly soul-tie between myself and the practitioner who tattooed me, and between myself and the object, person or thing that these ungodly tattoos represent. I command all demons associated with these tattoos to leave me now in Jesus name. Father God when the mark of the beast comes I pray that You would show me clearly that it is the mark of the beast and that You would help me to resist this mark at all costs. Thank You Lord Jesus, Amen.”

Post Deliverance Infilling Prayer - “I break every curse over my life from preconception to the present day in the name of Jesus Christ. I ask Father God that every curse would be replaced with a blessing. In the name of Jesus and by the stripes He bore on His body I pray for healing within every area of my spirit/soul and body. (*Pray specifically for all ailments*). I command all misalignments to come into divine order in Jesus name. I cast out the spirit of infirmity in Jesus name. I cast out fear, shock and trauma in Jesus name. I command every fibre, every cell and every part of this body to come into divine order. I command all pain to leave in Jesus name. I pray for a creative miracle in all areas where body matter needs to be regenerated. I command all cells, cell structure, DNA, RNA, and all parts of the spirit/soul and body not to remember all traumas in Jesus name. I pray for the fire of God to burn off all remaining remnants and dross in Jesus name. I command every demon who has access to me to leave immediately in Jesus name. With the blood of the lamb I seal all doorways closed to the demonic and declare that demons can only exit and not re-enter. I bind the demonic doorkeepers and terminate their assignment against me in Jesus name. I ask for the Holy Spirit to infill with light all areas that were once dark in

Jesus name. I pray for a hedge of protection to be placed around me and for any holes to be repaired in Jesus name. Thank You Father God in Jesus name for delivering me".