

Homework

Contend God's Way

What is the nature of God?

Build in the Spirit what God has for you. How did we find this? *Chat box*

Doubt the Doubt

What opposes God's Way and standard?

What do you need to renew your mind in, so that you can walk in this, in strength?

How do we find this? *Chat box*



Ways of God

Re-cap

Declarations:

Principal of God not a formula.

We declare to renew our mind.

- I easily walk in the Ways of God
- I easily receive God's guidance and direction that leads me into "Exceedingly Abundantly more than I can ask or think"
- I choose to receive God's Supernatural provision for every area of my life today
- I easily identify my limiting beliefs and replace them with God's thoughts towards me
- I easily renew my mind to walk by Faith and live in the fullness God has for me
- I walk in the supernatural favour of God

• GOD WANTS TO



Contending for Your Increase

- **Build in the Spirit - to bring God's Victory into our lives!**
- **Practice time!**
- Intimacy
- 1 Corinthians 6:17(NKJV)
- ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.
- God is joined to me. Joined means fused.
- Spirit of Living God joined himself to our spirit

Colossians 1:27 (NKJV)

- ²⁷ To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
- Christ in me is more than enough for everything in my life. I open up my spirit to the Spirit of Christ within me.
- What in my life will be different? - Knowing that Christ is building in me?



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1 Corinth 2:14-16 NKJV – Mind of Christ

Romans 13:14 AMP – Put on - clothe yourself with God

Hebrews 13:5 NKJV - ...He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."



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- Provision – finances, employment, wealth
- Philippians 4:19 Amp - *And my God will liberally supply (fill until full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*
- 1 Corinthians 8:6 Amp - *yet for us there is but one God, the Father, who is the source of all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things [that have been created], and we [believers exist and have life and have been redeemed] through Him.*



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- *Proverbs 10:22 NKJV*
- *22 The blessing of the Lord makes one rich,*
- *And He adds no sorrow with it.*
- *Genesis 26:12-13 NKJV*
- *12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the Lord blessed him.*
- *13 The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous;*



Chat box - a point

Re-cap Declaration:

Proverbs 13:20 NKJV

*He who walks with wise men will be wise,
But the companion of fools will be destroyed*

Romans 12:2 NKJV

*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of
your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect
will of God.*

Proverbs 23:7 NKJV

For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

Be observant and very conscious of what you are conforming to & speaking.
Line it up with God's word.



Ways of God

Recap

Isaiah 55:9 NKJV

*"For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.*

God's WAYS and THOUGHTS are not a secret!

We can trust the Ways of God and the **Nature of God**. Malachi 3:6 NKJV *"For I am the Lord, I do not change"*

Many of us are learning to understand the Ways and thoughts of God.

We commit to understand the Thoughts and Ways of God – Declare

Pitfalls & Enemy strategies: Fear, Negative thoughts, unbelief,
Emotional mismanagement - Spiraling down



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Re-cap **God's standard**

Ephesians 3:20 NKJV

v20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

What hinders God's standard?

John 10:10 NKJV

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

What choices do I have to make to walk in obedience to God?

What do we have to become, to walk in what God has for us?



Ways of God

Re-cap – What point stands out for you the most?

So different to the Worlds Ways

Business, Ministry, Finances – provision

1. Understand God's Ways
2. God's nature does not change – Who God is!
3. Realise there are hindrances
4. Declarations - to speak out
5. Be seated in heavenly places
6. God has a higher standard of increase
7. Faith is God's Way
8. Renew our mind
9. Exchange our limits for God's unlimited
10. Find Miracle zone
11. BE in God v's DO for God
12. Know our Spiritual Authority – Who am I in Christ!



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1 Corinthians 12:1 NKJV

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant

Don't be ignorant of spiritual laws

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Some laws of faith are:

1. Life and Death in power of our tongue – say **ONLY** what we want Prov 18:21
2. We must have continual believing – regardless of what circumstances say
3. Do not doubt – be aware when doubt comes, doubt your doubts
4. Have an expectation – expect results we want
5. At times, we have to fight for it – fighting our own mind



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Mark 11:22-24 NKJV

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

- **"Whatsoever things you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them and you shall have them";** (personalise)

No limitation, "**Whatsoever things**" - things

Heb 11:1 *Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

- **Faith is not a shadow, but a substance, "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."**



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- **Things are effects** and come as a consequence of correct mental states, attitudes, beliefs and faith – **our beliefs produces outcomes**
- To desire a change in circumstances, we should aim to build our mental attitude of faith, belief & expectation. This will bring about new results
- Mental attitude of faith, belief and expectation is brought about by:
 1. spiritual nature – who we are in Christ
 2. our unity with God – we are joined to God - in Harmony with God
 3. God is the substance of all things (having the mind of Christ)
- Thoughts become things



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- We think or desire in the natural first, & then we apply the spiritual, (faith) then comes transformation into the infinite and unlimited possibilities.
- E.g. Healing, Finances, Miracles, what you desire

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- **Speak to the mountain**



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Do not negate what we are believing for, by negative words (very important)

Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV)

²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

What are you eating? What are your results?

Ephesians 3:19-20 NKJV

*19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the **fullness of God***

20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us

Fullness of:

healing, abundance, relationships, whatever is needed or desired



Abraham had faith

Promise Granted Through Faith

Romans 4:17-21 (NKJV)

- **17** (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom **he believed God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;**
- **18** who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."
- **19** And **not being weak in faith**, he did not consider (think) his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.
- **20** **He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God**
- **21** and **being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform**

Abraham trained himself to believe God and expected the results promised.

He forced himself to strengthen his mind, belief, expectation, pulled himself up when he was becoming weak or doubting in faith.



Faith - a very practical thing

Mark 11 (AMP)

- ²² *Jesus replied, “**Have faith in God [constantly].** - it is an ongoing **God kind of faith***
- ²³ *I assure you and most solemnly say to you, **whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea!’ and **does not doubt** in his heart [in God’s unlimited power], **but believes** that what he says is going to take place, it will be done for him [in accordance with God’s will].***
- ²⁴ *For this reason I am telling you, whatever things you **ask** for in prayer [in accordance with God’s will], **believe** [with confident trust] that you have **received** them, and they will be given to you.*
- **"Spirituality" is "practical," - We are to play our part, be involved in it.**
- Spirituality is the most "practical" thing in the world - the only really and absolutely "practical" thing that there is!



Build and Receive

Psalm 35:27 NKJV

Let them shout for joy and be glad,
Who favor my righteous cause;
And let them say continually,
“Let the Lord be magnified,
Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.”

